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## SBC Blends Conservatism With Statement On Crisis

HOUSTON — Southern Baptists took a new stand in race relations, support of law enforcement, and peace at their 111th annual meeting here without surrendering a point of their conservative theology.

Messengers of the 11-million member convention made a concerted effort at solving the racial crisis in the nation by agreeing in a 1,100-word statement to secure for every person equality of human and legal rights.

In reaffirming their bent for theological conservatism, the messengers chose W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, as president of the Convention.

A leading conservative and pastor of the denomination's largest church, Criswell defeated Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss., industrialist and layman, who was later chosen first vice president; Lee Porter, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Tex., won

the place for second vice president.

The messengers also approved a record \$27.6 million operating budget for 1968-69 and a \$5 million capital needs budget for a five-year period beginning next year.

Supporters for changing the denomination's name got a negative reception as messengers in a straw vote approved the existing name by a whopping majority.

The vote was Southern Baptist Convention, 4,996; Baptist

General Convention, 702; United Baptist Convention, 611, and a category for those preferring another name, 956.

Registration reached about 15,000, below the 16,053 who registered in 1965 at Dallas.

Messengers, stunned by the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles, prayed and sent expressions of condolence to the family of the presidential aspirant.

Statements on peace in Vietnam and law enforcement got the most attention among the 12 resolutions the messengers approved.

Others spoke to such areas as pornographic materials, highway safety, health implications of beverage alcohol, observance of the Lord's Day, church-state relations, and evangelism.

In the peace resolution the messengers called for an immediate cease-fire in Vietnam and an end to all hostile activities and further military buildup. They also asked for prayer for peace negotiators, delegates of the United Nations, men of goodwill throughout the world seeking peace and justice and Christians suffering for their faith.

The statement on support of law enforcement decried the exploitation of violence in television, movies, and newspapers as a way of life and the permissive atmosphere in society where people are conditioned for disrespect for the law.

The resolution commended President Johnson for his condemnation of hatred and violence and urged him in his plea to Congress to pass strong gun control legislation.

Included in the resolution was a plea for all citizens to support their local police to the point of paying taxes for

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HOUSTON — Officers elected to serve the Southern Baptist Convention are, left to right, President, W. A. Criswell, pastor First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.; 1st Vice-President, Owen Cooper, a layman from Yazoo City, Miss.; and 2nd Vice-President, Lee Porter, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Houston, Tex. The new officers were elected during the meeting here June 4-7. Dr. Porter Routh, SBC Executive, is seen at right.



The delegation of members of First Baptist Church in Jackson that went to Houston to hear their pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, preach the annual convention sermon, can be seen in a special section on the front three rows in the auditorium, immediately in front of the press section.

### MANY ACTIVE

## Mississippians At SBC

HOUSTON, Texas — The activity of Mississippians at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention was highlighted by the election of Owen Cooper of Yazoo City as first vice-president and the preaching of the annual Convention sermon by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson.

Mr. Cooper handily won the balloting for first vice-presi-

dent over three other candidates shortly after he had been defeated for the presidency by Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas.

Dr. Hudgins was visibly surprised when he went to the platform Tuesday night and saw a large delegation of members of his church who had come via a chartered plane and a private plane to hear him preach.

They were seated in a special section in the front seats of the huge Coliseum. Included in the group were 17 deacons, with several others from the church already there joining the group.

The group was recognized by President Paschall.

### Mission Gifts Up For Year

Mississippi Baptist-Cooperative Program receipts, for the first seven months of this convention year, ending May 31, totaled \$2,105,574.46, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state Baptist executive secretary-treasurer.

This is an increase of \$210,219.57 or 11.1 percent over the \$1,895,354.89 given the same period a year ago.

Receipts for May totaled \$264,802.83, an increase of \$36,763.64 or 16.1 percent over the \$228,039.19 contributed in May a year ago.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

Named to the Committee on Boards for next year's session were Dr. Bill Causey of Jackson and George Estes, Jr., of Gulfport.

Mississippians on the Committee on Committees for this year's session were Dr. Wm. G. Tanner, of Gulfport and Purser Hewitt, Jackson.

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### Church-State Cases Ruled By U. S. High Court

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday knocked down a 45-year-old barrier and cleared the way for taxpayer suits challenging federal aid to parochial schools, according to the Associated Press.

The barrier was imposed by the court in 1923. It found then that individual taxpayers lack the standing to sue the government over big programs because their tax payments are too small to show sufficient personal involvement.

Monday's ruling sweeps aside that decision. This means seven New Yorkers who contend federal aid to pupils in church-related schools violates the Constitution will have a chance to try to block the program in court.

The Court also upheld a New York law that requires public school systems to lend textbooks to children in parochial and other private schools.

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New officers, Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference elected during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 4-7 are: (left to right) Mrs. Andrew Hall, Fayetteville, Ark., President; Mrs. John Traylor, Tupelo, Miss., corresponding secretary; and Mrs. G. Avery Lee, New Orleans, La., and Mrs. Landrum Leavell, Wichita Falls, Tex., vice-president.

## Conservatism Underlines SBC Pastors' Conference

By Al Morgan

HOUSTON (BP) — A strong note of theological conservatism underlined the two-day Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference through the 56 sermons, messages and devotions.

Sounding a major chord with three addresses was Clark H. Pinnock, assistant professor of New Testament at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary who called for a new reformation within the church.

Joining the seminary teach-

er in support of the theme were J. Norris Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, La., Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., K. Owen White, metropolitan missions coordinator for Southern Baptists in Los Angeles, and W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas.

In a business session the pastors chose vice-president Harper Shannon of Dothan, Ala., to succeed President Gerald Martin of Memphis.

Shannon, pastor of First Baptist Church and an evangelist, will direct the Pastors' Conference during the next 12 months with Don Berry, pastor of Memorial Drive Baptist Church of Houston, vice-president, and Allen Comish, pastor of Waldrop Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., secretary.

The Pastors' Conference was one of four auxiliary meetings preceding the 111th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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## Convention Adopts Series Of Strong, Varied Resolutions

The full report of the Resolutions Committee follows: Resolution No. 1 — On the Officers of the Southern Baptist Convention

We express to Dr. H. Franklin Paschall our profound appreciation for his splendid, unselfish leadership in the office of president of the Convention. He has represented our Convention nobly and well. We have come to be increasingly grateful for his gifts, his uncomplaining response to every responsibility, his faithfulness to Christ, his loyalty to the Word of God and service

to His kingdom through His churches. Dr. Paschall has represented us well as a greatly gifted spokesman for Christ. He has spoken responsibly, fairly, firmly and in love. We have observed a high level of dedication and commitment to our Lord.

Our appreciation is also expressed to his wife and family for sharing him with our Convention during his tenure in office. They have each made it easier for him to function so well and so worthily.

We express our appreciation to the First Baptist Church of

Nashville, Tennessee, and its staff for their generosity and understanding. The president has fulfilled his duties while he and his church have been involved in an extensive building project.

We also express our appreciation to the vice-presidents of the Convention who have served with President Paschall efficiently and selflessly: Landrum P. Leavell and John A. Abernathy. To Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary, to W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary and to

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### Southern Baptists In Houston

(AN EDITORIAL REPORT)

Southern Baptists in Houston continued their long-held conservative theological position, but at the same time, more than ever before, recognized their responsibility in the crisis facing our nation.

By a more than two-thirds majority they approved a statement on the crisis in the nation presented by the Executive Committee, but elected as president one of the most conservative pastors in the entire convention.

The statement passed by the convention was far different from the one which had been signed by a group of denominational leaders (no Mississippian signed it) a few days before the convention, and its adoption cannot properly be interpreted as a turning by the convention away from its traditional major concern in missions and evangelism.

Throughout the Pastors' Conference, the largest of five major meetings which precede the convention, the thousands of pastors and laymen attending heard a continuous parade of conservative speakers, and on a number of occasions gave a standing ovation to some of them who called for Southern Baptist agencies, institutions, leaders, churches and preachers to hold true to those Biblical doctrines long considered basic by Baptists, and to continue to center their program in the evangelistic-missionary witness which has characterized the convention through its entire history.

Woman's Missionary Union, the other major (in size) pre-convention meeting, oriented its program more in the realm of social action, although it too heard challenges for missionary expansion and full participation in the Crusade of the Americas, the scheduled Baptist evangelistic program for North and South America during 1969. Other pre-convention meetings also heard calls for more social action.

Major messages at the convention itself, including the masterful convention sermon by Mississippi's

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Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, delivers Convention sermon Tuesday night.



Pastors of the Southern Baptist Convention elected an Alabama pastor as their president at the pre-convention meeting of the Southern Pastors' Conference meeting here June 3-4. Harper Shannon (left) pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala., is president. Vice-president is Don Berry, (right) pastor of Memorial Drive Baptist Church, Houston.



DR. JOE ODLE, Jackson, editor of the Baptist Record, is seen introducing a Resolution which stated that "because of the series of tragic events which have shaken the world in recent years . . . we reaffirm our conviction that the one and final answer . . . is the salvation of men through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that we rededicate ourselves, our institutions, our agencies and our churches to a renewed emphasis on the proclamation of God's Good News of Redemption in Christ. . . ." While the Resolution as a whole was not reported out by the Resolution Committee, most of its content was incorporated in other similar resolutions.



Mrs. John C. Zachary, member of Second Avenue Church, Laurel, (left), is congratulated by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of Birmingham upon the occasion of her 15-year attendance record at the worship and other services of her church.

# Full Text Of SBC Statement On The Crisis In The Nation

(We recognize that no individual or organization can speak for all Baptists. The following represents the concern, confession, commitment, and appeal by the majority of the messengers meeting in Houston, Texas, June 4, 1968.)

## We Face A Crisis

Our nation is enveloped in a social and cultural revolution. We are shocked by the potential for anarchy in a land dedicated to democracy and freedom. There are ominous sounds of hate and violence among men and of unbelief and rebellion toward God. These compel Christians to face the social situation and to examine themselves under the judgment of God.

We are an affluent society, abounding in wealth and luxury. Yet far too many of our people suffer from poverty. Many are hurt by circumstance they find it difficult to escape, injustice they find it difficult to correct, or heartless exploitation they find it difficult to resist. Many live in slum housing or ghettos of race or poverty or ignorance or bitterness that often generate both despair and defiance.

We are a nation that declares the sovereignty of law and the necessity of civil order. Yet, we have had riots, and have tolerated conditions that breed riots, spread violence, foster disrespect for the law, and undermine the democratic process.

We are a nation that declares the equality and rights of persons irrespective of race. Yet, as a nation, we have allowed cultural patterns to persist that have deprived millions of black Americans and other racial groups as well, of equality of recognition and opportunity in the areas of education, employment, citizenship, housing, and worship. Worse still, as a nation, we have condoned prejudices that have damaged the personhood of blacks and whites alike. We have seen a climate of racism and reactionism developed resulting in hostility, injustice, suspicion, faction, strife, and alarming potential for bitterness, division, destruction, and death.

## We Review Our Efforts

In the face of national

shortcomings, we must nevertheless express appreciation for men of good will of all races and classes who have worked tirelessly and faithfully to create a Christian climate in our nation.

From the beginning of the Southern Baptist Convention and indeed in organized Baptist life, we have affirmed God's love for all men of all continents and colors, of all regions and races. We have continued to proclaim that the death of Jesus on Calvary's cross is the instrument of God's miraculous redemption for every individual.

Inadequately but sincerely, we have sought in our nation and around the world both to proclaim the gospel to the lost and to minister to human need in Christ's name. Individually and collectively, we are trying to serve, but we have yet to use our full resources to proclaim the gospel whereby all things are made new in Christ.

## We Voice Our Confession

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

The current crisis arouses the Christian conscience. Judgment begins at the house of God. Christians are inescapably involved in the life of the nation. Along with all other citizens we recognize our share of responsibility for creating in our land conditions in which justice, order and righteousness can prevail. May God forgive us wherein we have failed Him and our fellow man.

As Southern Baptists, representative of one of the largest bodies of Christians in our nation and claiming special ties of spiritual unity with the large conventions of Negro Baptists in our land, we have come far short of our privilege in Christian brotherhood.

Humbling ourselves before God, we implore Him to create in us a right spirit of repentance and to make us instruments of his redemption, his righteousness, his peace, and his love toward all men.

## We Declare Our Commitment

The Christ we serve, the opportunity we face, and the crisis we confront, compel us to action. We therefore declare our commitment, believing this to be right in the sight of God and our duty under the lordship of Christ.

We will respect every individual as a person possessing inherent dignity and worth growing out of his creation in the image of God.

We will strive to obtain and secure for every person equality of human and legal rights. We will undertake to secure opportunities in matters of citizenship, public services, education, employment, and personal habitation that every man achieve his highest potential as a person.

We will accept and exercise our civic responsibility as Christians to defend people against injustice. We will strive to insure for all persons the full opportunity for achievement according to the endowments given by God.

We will refuse to be a party to any movement that fosters racism or violence or mob action.

We will personally accept every Christian as a brother beloved in the Lord and welcome to the fellowship of faith and worship every person irrespective of race or class.

We will strive by personal initiative and every appropriate means of communication to bridge divisive barriers, to work for reconciliation, and to open channels of fellowship and cooperation.

We will strive to become well informed about public issues, social ills, and divisive movements that are damaging to human relationships. We will strive to resist prejudice and to combat forces that breed distrust and hostility.

We will recognize our involvement with other Christians and with all others of good will in the obligation to work for righteousness in public life and justice for all persons. We will strive to promote Christian brotherhood as a witness to the gospel of Christ.

## We Make An Appeal

Our nation is at the crossroads. We must decide whether we shall be united in good will, freedom, and justice un-

der God to serve mankind or be destroyed by covetousness, passion, hate, and strife.

We urge all leaders and supporters of minority groups to encourage their followers to exercise Christian concern and respect for the person and property of others and to manifest the responsible action commensurate with individual dignity and Christian citizenship.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to join us in self-examination under the Spirit of God and to accept the present crisis as a challenge from God to strive for reconciliation by love.

We appeal to our fellow Southern Baptists to engage in Christian ventures in human relationships, and to take courageous actions for justice and peace.

We believe that a vigorous Christian response to this national crisis is imperative for an effective witness, on our part at home and abroad.

Words will not suffice. The time has come for action. Our hope for healing and renewal is in the redemption of the whole of life. Let us call men to faith in Christ. Let us dare to accept the full demands of the love and lordship of Christ in human relationships and urgent ministry. Let us be identified with Christ in the reproach and suffering of the cross.

We therefore recommend to the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention that:

1. We approve this statement on the national crisis.
2. We rededicate ourselves to the proclamation of the gospel which includes redemption of the individual and his involvement in the social issues of our day.
3. We request the Home Mission Board to take the leadership in working with the Convention agencies concerned with the problems related to this crisis in the most effective manner possible and in keeping with their program assignments.
4. Call upon individuals, the churches, the associations, and the state conventions to join the Southern Baptist Convention in a renewal of Christian effort to meet the national crisis.



CONVENTION President H. Franklin Paschall presides at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 4-7.



Rev. Estus Mason, pastor First Church, Crystal Springs, is seen looking over a copy of one of the SBC activities while waiting in his hotel lobby.



Dr. Landrum P. Leavell, II, of Texas, first vice-president of the Convention, (left), confers with President Paschall.

## Conservatism Underlines Conference

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### Job of Christians

Pinnock described the job of Christians this way: "Our primary responsibility is to make known the unsearchable riches of Christ to all men. We are called to reform the world by changing men's hearts. We are not called to editorialize but to evangelize."

Speaking on the topic, "The Fact of Christ," Pinnock told the pastors that "men do not need the Christ of liberal theology. They need good news, not good advice. We will not be saved by bearing our cross, but by accepting His."

"Men today are confused about God. They are bewildered by the welter of conflicting religious claims."

Reminding that Southern Baptists stand at a crossroad, Pinnock said "millions of contemporary professed Christians are forsaking the Biblical Christ for a false Christ of process philosophy and revolutionary social action."

In earlier sessions, Pinnock, whose addresses drew repeated applause from an estimated 6,000 persons, charged an early-stage drifting away from Southern Baptists' Biblical, Christ-centered theology is apparent. But he added that it is not too late for the denomination to regain its stability.

"Compared with other churches, our own decline theologically is at an early stage. If we are alert, the drift can be checked," he said.

The greatest crisis the church has ever had to face is the current attack on the existence of divine truth, he charged.

### The New View

"Perhaps only a small number now hold the new view of the Bible, but it only takes a few agitators to burn a city and a few rebels to overthrow a government," he said.

Pinnock described the new view as belonging to those "who no longer feel that they can be bound to its (Bible) lit-

eral teaching and final authority."

He called for a new reformation within the church to "restore the crown rights of our divine Lord, and the infallible authority of His inspired Word."

The Protestant Reformation has become the "Protestant Deformation" today, espousing a man-centered and man-made theology based on a consensus of human opinions, he contended.

"Our hope is for a new reformation from God," he said. "A reformation of truth and life. A return to Biblical standards and to profound Scriptural preaching."

Pinnock challenged pastors to "go on to maturity," letting the Bible rule their life, not in name only, but in reality and depth.

Palmer told the preachers Southern Baptists are going to find themselves "being even more grossly misunderstood" unless they "repeatedly and emphatically" declare themselves in several areas.

Palmer identified the areas the virgin birth, the efficacy of Jesus' blood to provide full and complete atonement for sin, Jesus' bodily resurrection, Jesus' literal ascension, and the confident assurance of Jesus' eventual return to claim his own.

### Conservatism

The conservatism of the Pastors' Conference was also voiced in addresses dealing with church-state separation, the ecumenical movement and social aspects of the gospel.

Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, chided preachers and laymen who say that the Gospel is not relevant.

"I am sick and tired of people preaching and writing, and telling me that my preaching is not relevant," he said. "Too many of our Sunday School teachers and editors are leaning in the wrong direction."

He urged pastors to "come

back to the cross and preach it with fervor." He admitted that "we are living in a new day, but that man is still sinful and is unable to save himself."

### Give Up Freedom?

Editor Joe T. Odle of Jackson, Miss., added that "It is not the ecumenical churches that are crowded today, but those with an evangelical fervor."

Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, official weekly newspaper of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, said some Southern Baptists believe that the convention should become a participant in such ecumenical organizations as the National Council of Churches or the World Council.

He questioned Baptists' religious liberty, adding "But could we become a part of these organizations without giving up some of our freedom?"

He said if Baptists were members of these bodies, "there is no possible way that they could separate themselves from the pronouncements and actions of these bodies, or their committees, no matter how distasteful they might be to the majority of our people."

On church-state separation, two speakers took differing tacks. J. B. Flowers of Newport News, Va., cited dangers in breaking down of barriers in the wall of church-state separation, but Baptist Hardin-Simmons University President Elwin Skiles said Baptists ought to re-examine the consequences of preventing Baptist colleges from accepting some types of federal aid.

### R. G. Lee

In the closing address, R. G. Lee struck a high note for the universality of Jesus.

Famed among Southern Baptists for his eloquent speaking ability, the silver-haired orator, now 82, said, "This world of wonders and mysteries is a vast autograph

album—its pages made of molecules, moats, mountains, continents, seas and starry heavens. The signature if Jesus is on every page."

Lee pointed a verbal picture of Jesus as designer, creator and lawmaker saying, "This timeless Christ, Christianized the calendar of the world."

As Jesus showed hot displeasure against hypocrisy and self-seeking, Lee added, so should "we be showing hot displeasure against the evils of today that would lead our greatest graces to the grave and leave the world no copy—against all movements that would turn our land of the free and the home of the brave into the land of space and the home of the rave."

Two speakers urged the pastors to pay more attention to current social issues as they seek to evangelize.

Alvin Brackett, pastor of Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon, Ga., said the church that lags behind the entertainment and sports world in its treatment of colored peoples has little to teach the world in mitigating its racial dilemmas.

A denomination that lives in the past and refuses to rethink its theology under the Holy Spirit's leadership will be a feeble voice in a world where scientific miracles have revolutionized the thoughts of men."

Jerry Glisson, pastor of Leewood Baptist Church in Memphis, predicted the nation would become pagan unless Christians become involved in saving men and society.

Oklahoma City may be the first city in the world to receive 10,000 ambassadors in a three-day period. But these are Royal Ambassadors, members of the missionary education organization for boys in Southern Baptist churches, who will be attending the Fourth National Royal Ambassador Congress in Oklahoma City, Aug. 13-15.

## Church-State . . .

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The 6-3 decision, given by Justice Byron R. White, said: "We hold that the law is not in violation of the Constitution."

Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and Abe Fortas dissented. Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justices John M. Harlan, William J. Brennan Jr., Potter Stewart, Thurgood Marshall and White made up the majority.

The decision rested heavily on the view that parochial schools serve a secular educational function as well as a religious educational function.

The lending of public school textbooks to children in parochial schools has been practiced in Mississippi for several years.



# WMU Convention Challenged On Issues, Race To Space

By Roddy Stinson

HOUSTON (BP)—Southern Baptist women were challenged here to respond in a Christian spirit to issues ranging from race to space.

Dr. Dorothy Brown, Negro professor of surgery at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., drew a standing ovation from 3,000 delegates to the annual meeting of Women's Missionary Union when she called on the church to do its job in race relations.

Edward B. Lindaman, a space program manager for North American Rockwell Corp. of Downey, Calif., who shocked the women with an account of technical space progress ahead, called for Christians to recognize the scope of love as worldwide.

In a business session the women chose Mrs. Robert Fling of Pleasantville, N. Y., to serve them another year as president. They re-elected Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh of Kansas City, Kan., as recording secretary.

The woman's missionary organization was one of four auxiliary groups which met for two days before the Southern Baptist Convention.

Major Speakers

Other major speeches in-ter to take his place.

cluded Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary of mission personnel at the Foreign Mission Board, and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU.

In a hard-hitting address, Dr. Brown, a Tennessee legislator, placed the blame for the current plight of the American Negro on the church.

"If the church would do its job, we wouldn't need any more human relations commissions or further civil rights laws," she said.

Dr. Brown strongly condemned violence as the cure for America's ills.

Surveys Events

"As I survey the events of 1967-68, I conclude that violence is stupid, and does not solve a single problem," she said.

"Nonviolence, the abiding philosophy of that Great Baptist apostle of nonviolence, Martin Luther King, is the way of calmness, rationality, Christianity, and faith. But he is gone, and I feel that it is now white Christian Americans' turn to raise up a leader."

Challenging white Americans to become involved in correcting today's problems, she said the contemporary white American is responsible

for seeing that, without subterfuge, without the necessity for further violence, and in the true spirit of the constitution of this democracy, the children of the slaves of his foreparents get an even break at life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Lindaman, a prominent Presbyterian layman whose Christian devotion has caused some to tag him, "prophet of the Space Age," predicted that the effects of man's flight to the moon will reach into every facet of life.

"I believe we will see a new thread in the weave of history. It will be saying, 'Man! Man! Now that your freedom and responsibility have moved to worlds beyond our wildest imagination, can you not see that you are able to enrich the lives of all persons with your fantastic knowledge? Will you not choose to eradicate disease, war, and famine from this planet earth—that all of God's children might experience the fullness of humanity?'"

Fletcher

Fletcher voiced concern about some of the tendencies he said were developing in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I am worried because I have caught a spirit of neo-isolationism, which is causing people to look away from the international scene and look back at our own country."

Fletcher stressed that he was not criticizing the move by Southern Baptists to reach out into their communities and states.

"I am excited that people are becoming concerned about the problems in our nation. This is a healthy spirit because it is a mission spirit that has no boundaries. It will not stop here but will continue across the oceans."

"But there are others who are saying—'Wait a minute. We've got terrible needs at home. Let's hold the line on our overseas commitment until we solve these problems.'"

"This is a malignant spirit. If we turn our eyes away from people out there who do not know Jesus Christ, we'll invoke our own death."

Geared for Change

In her report to the women, Miss Hunt said WMU was "geared for change." Explaining the reasons for the WMU's recent change in organizational structure, she said, "To look at where we are headed requires us neither to deplore nor to hail the past, but simply to reorganize the handwriting on the wall."

"Recognizing that we cannot meet the challenges of our day with outdated approaches and techniques, we have tried to update our organizational structure, our approaches to study, and our techniques recommended for doing the work committed to us."

Other emphases at the convention included testimonies by emeritus foreign missionaries and accounts of lay participation in ministries to victims of last summer's flood in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Hurricane Beulah in southern Texas last fall.

A concluding dramatic presentation, "Christ the Only Hope!" focused the convention delegates' attention on the theme of the convention.

Next year's meeting of WMU is planned for June 9, 10 in New Orleans.

## Ministers Wives' President Advocates Race Improvement

HOUSTON (BP)—The new president of the Southern Baptist Ministers Wives Conference said Wednesday fellow Baptists are "just beginning to touch the hem of the garment" in improving relations between persons of different races.

Mrs. Andrew Hall, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ark., was chosen to lead the group of ministers wives at their annual luncheon at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel. She succeeds Mrs. Herbert Howard, wife of the pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

Wives Can Help

Mrs. Hall said wives could help their preacher-husbands implement the Christian principle of brotherhood by creating friendships with persons of other races and valuing their personhood.

A columnist with the Arkansas Baptist News Magazine, Mrs. Hall said she would like to see women take the lead in their own communities to find the possibilities for involvement with persons of different

racess, and varied economic backgrounds.

She mentioned the possibilities of women working in community action and service programs such as Headstart, in addition to their regular church interests.

Other officers elected included Mrs. G. Avery Lee, New Orleans, La., vice-president; Mrs. Landrum Leavell, Wichita Falls, Tex., secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. John Traylor, Tupelo, Miss., corresponding secretary.

The preachers' wives heard five speakers in forty-five minutes.

Jasper, Ga.

Mrs. Charles Walker, whose husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Jasper, Ga., encouraged the women to look carefully at their responsibility for community involvement. She said she became director of a county Headstart program because she was the only one in the county trained in kindergarten work.

The new Mission Action programs offer Baptist women good opportunity to work

through Headstart and other community service programs, Mrs. Walker told the group.

### 'Grains Of Wheat'

The small book, GRAINS OF WHEAT, by Mrs. Eric D. Smith, may be secured from Mid-South Messianic Society, Inc., 804 Dickinson St., Memphis, Tenn. 38107. The society has about 200 copies on hand. They sell for \$1.00 postpaid, or three for \$2. All money from sales goes into reaching Jews with the Gospel.

## Music Conference Told Of Musical Missions Role

By Orville Sec...

HOUSTON (BP)—New developments that seem destined to make music increasingly important in missions efforts were outlined for more than 500 persons attending the annual Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here.

Music leaders from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention agreed, however, that new ideas should be tested against their "probability of producing spiritual results."

T. W. Dean, head of the school of music at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., told the group the text of the music must be sound scripturally.

"I don't care how effective the music is. If it's not true, it's not evangelistic."

Donald Winters

Conference President Donald Winters, head of the music department at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., reminded fellow musicians that it is not sufficient for music to be a performance.

"As a part of the sensitivity to need, the awareness of change and the possibilities of diversity as they apply to church music, we need to be certain we do not lose the all-important sensitivity," Winters said.

J. William Thompson, supervisor of literary publications for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, identified leadership training as the greatest music need of churches.

Some new development utilizing music as a major vehicle in foreign missions were given by Claude H. Rhea, Jr., who is completing his first year as the Baptist Foreign Mission Board's music consultant.

Rhea told the music leaders data processing is being used in conjunction with a census to determine specific needs. He also said that the Foreign Mission Board is analyzing the music resources

among its personnel.

Another new development is a Christian fine arts performing program in which outstanding Christian performers will give at least two weeks each year on the missions field, Rhea said.

"The future is wide open for music missions," he said. "We may eventually have a music missionary couple for each of the 66 countries where we have foreign missions."

Brazilian Crusade

Two ministers of music on furlough from the foreign mission field, Kent Balyeat of Argentina and Bill Lichter of Brazil, told of singing before a crowd of 150,000 people at the launching of the Brazilian Baptist Crusade in 1965.

New officers elected by the music directors are Bob Burroughs of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., vice president of the local church division of the conference; Charles Worley of Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, and Carl Perry of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., council members for the local church division; James D. Woodward, chairman of the department of church music at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, vice president of the educators division; Scotty Gray of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, council member from the educators division; Rod Latta, music director for the Illinois Baptist State Association, vice president, denominational division; and James Allcock, church music consultant for the Baptist Convention of Maryland, council member for the denominational division.

Sara Thompson, who is retiring as church music librarian at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, after 23 years, was given a life honorary membership in the Conference.

Next year's meeting will be at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, June 9-10.

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Messengers at the Crusade of the Americas display, Foreign Mission Board exhibit, discuss the upcoming 1969 event. Left to right are: Mrs. Gene Tyre, Calhoun, Ga.; Mrs. Charles W. Brown, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church, McCayersville (Ga.)-Copperhill (Tenn.) and Edmond Walker, executive secretary-treasurer of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention.



Woman's Missionary Union executive-secretary, left, congratulates newly-elected officers, left to right, Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, N. Y., President; Mrs. J. R. Lobaugh, Kansas City, Kan., recording secretary; and Mrs. Charles Standridge, Arlington, Va., member-at-large for the executive board. Not pictured is Mrs. Wayne Dehoney, of Louisville, Ky., member-at-large for the executive board.



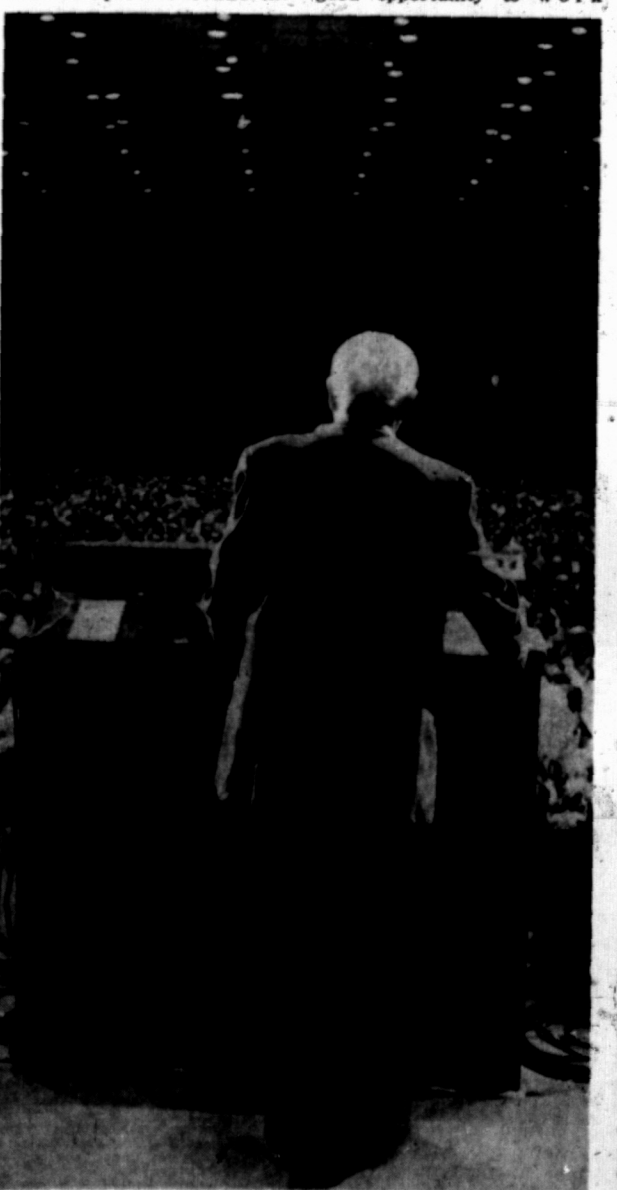
HOUSTON — W. A. Criswell during press conference following his election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here June 4-7. Criswell is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.



Religious educators, meeting at the First Baptist Church here June 3-4, elected Harold A. Souther, right, director of Christian Education, Kansas City (Mo.) Baptist Association, as president. Vice-presidents elected to serve with Souther were Miss Hazel Rogers, adult work consultant of the Sunday School department, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Philip Briggs, associate professor of religious education at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and Russell Noel of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., not pictured.



Three SBC leaders are caught by the photographers between sessions. From left: Dr. W. Douglas Huggins, Jackson; Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson.



Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor-emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, gives response to welcome to the Convention.



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### Southern Baptist In Houston

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own Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, the presidential address by Dr. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, and the stirring closing message by the world's best known Southern Baptist, Billy Graham, all of which were delivered to audiences which completely filled the giant auditorium, presented Jesus Christ as the only hope of the world, and personal faith in him as the greatest need of mankind.

Resolutions passed by the convention covered many subjects, but major ones emphasized evangelism, the church, Christian living, respect of law, moral uprightness, and other related themes so much a part of the Baptist witness. A call for peace and an end to the war in Viet Nam and other war was included, but it was not the type of resolution which has been espoused by pacifist and anti-government groups.

Liberals among Southern Baptists found little in which to exult in the actions of this convention. As usual, Southern Baptists remained conservative in the things they said and did, even though recognizing the necessity, for more Christian action in the face of today's crisis. They are solidly dedicated to belief in the Bible as the authoritative word of God, and to Jesus Christ as the divine Lord and Saviour for lost men, and they refuse to move from that position.

Reports from Southern Baptist agencies revealed a continued emphasis on basic Baptist concerns, although it was clear that social issues were receiving a new emphasis in such institutions as the seminaries, the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Home Mission Board. Let us make it clear that we are not charging that they are turning away from the centrality of the gospel message, but there is much more emphasis on social concerns than many Baptists like to see. Of course, many other Baptists believe that redeeming faith in Christ must bring more social action.

The statement on the racial crisis was sharply revised from the original version by the Executive Committee and some other changes were made when the report was being considered by the convention itself. The section on confession was changed, so that mass guilt confessed in the earlier version was completely eliminated. The new statement does, however, call attention to the fact that we have not done all that we could do in brotherhood and witness, but it does not place responsibility for the current crisis upon the churches or Christian groups.

The statement was amended by the convention itself, to include a call to "leaders and supporters of minority groups to encourage their followers to exercise Christian concern and respect for the person and property of others and to manifest the responsible action commensurate with individual dignity and Christian citizenship."

The convention rejected the idea of a "task force" to deal with these issues (suggested in the original statement) and assigned to the Home Mission Board the responsibility of working with other agencies in dealing with the crisis "in keeping with their program assignments." We think that this was the proper handling of the matter, since the Home Mission Board already had announced plans for a renewed spiritual emphasis in the great urban areas.

In its preamble the statement made clear that it did not speak for the churches, but simply was an expression of the messengers who voted for it. The preamble reads, "We recognize that no individual or organization can speak for all Baptists. The following represents the concern, confession, commitment and appeal by the majority of the messengers meeting in Houston, Texas, June 5, 1968."

The actual vote on the statement was 5,687 for approval (72.85%) and 2,119 against approval (27.15%). There was a feeling by some that the fact that the issue came before the messengers only a few hours after the shocking news of the assassination attempt on Senator Robert Kennedy, made the majority larger than it might have been.

There were several efforts further to amend the statement, and an effort to table it, but in the long discussions which preceded the vote, even before the convention met, as well as in the corridors and sessions there, it was clear that a majority of the messengers were determined that the convention must speak on the crisis issue. It was evident, however, that the statement was not nearly so strong as some messengers wished for it to be.

We re-iterate our statement made above, however, that this action does not indicate a trend of Southern Baptists away from major emphasis on evangelism, missions, Christian education and other issues directly related to witness to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, but simply is a recognition that this convention no longer will keep quiet on the great social issues

bringing crisis to our nation. The majority of the messengers apparently came to the convention to speak on this issue, and they did just that. Voting was by secret ballot, so we do not know how a single other Mississippi messenger voted, but we heard several express disagreement with one or more paragraphs in the statement.

In various messages, reports and news conferences it was emphasized that Southern Baptists always have been in the field of social action, and that churches everywhere have sought to implement the preaching of the gospel with Christian action. Moreover, even with a renewed emphasis on this, the rank and file of the messengers revealed that the churches will continue to give their first emphasis to preaching the gospel, and simply will not follow those churches which have turned from Christ's gospel of salvation from sin, to a social gospel.

Billy Graham, in his message Friday night, expressed the absolute necessity for giving priority to preaching the gospel and winning men to a personal faith in Christ, while accepting a new concern for social action. He said that some denominations of today are more interested in building a better pig pen for the prodigal son, than in getting him out of the pen, and that Southern Baptists must never take that position. Dr. Graham received loud and sustained applause following this statement.

As is true every year, Foreign Mission Night on Thursday evening, was one of the great hours of the convention. A 500 voice choir, a symphony orchestra, the dramatic presentation of the world reach of the Foreign Mission program, and the testimonies of some of the missionaries and some of those they had won, all against a giant backdrop of a scrim screen depicting the hemispheres of the world, with the light of a giant cross shining through it, followed by a heart searching appeal from Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen, the dedication of new missionary appointees present at the convention, all climaxed by a march by the hundreds of missionaries who had been sitting on the stage, through avenues of the world's flags held up by Royal Ambassadors, left hearts deeply touched, and filled with praise to God for the world wide witness of Southern Baptists. Today the convention has more than 2300 missionaries under appointment in 69 nations around the world. More than 250 new ones have been appointed during the past year.

In the Home Mission service on Wednesday evening, Secretary Arthur Rutledge and his associates depicted the vast mission needs of America today, and Dr. C. E. Autrey, Secretary of Evangelism for the Board, showed how that the whole Home Mission program must continue to keep evangelism at its center. The Home Mission Board has approximately 2300 missionaries serving in the United States.

The closing session on Friday night perhaps was one of the greatest services in which we ever have had the privilege of participating. It began with a presentation of the new religious folk musical, "Good News", by a choir of 1000 teenagers from across the convention. Police Chief Dan Liu of Honolulu, whom the president introduced as "one of the greatest Christian laymen I ever have known", read the scripture, and a pastor led in prayer. Tedd Smith of the Graham team played some numbers on the grand piano. Cliff Barrows led the great congregation which not only filled every seat, but also saw hundreds standing around the aisles, in singing several great gospel songs. Beverly Shea sang two numbers and led the congregation in the chorus of "How Great Thou Art", and then Billy Graham preached. His subject was "The Second Coming of Christ", and he discussed the fact of Christ's coming, the signs and the event may be near, and the necessity for being ready. We hope to be able to secure a copy of this message to print in the Baptist Record, for every heart was stirred by it, and it was a fitting climax to a great convention.

Dr. Criswell defeated Mississippi's layman-industrialist Owen Cooper, who later was elected first vice-president. Most Mississippians felt that Mr. Cooper might have defeated almost any other man in the convention, but that probably no man could have defeated Dr. Criswell, who not only is a Texan, the state from which many of the messengers came, but also is one of the most widely known and best loved preachers in all the convention territory.

As first vice-president, Mr. Cooper has the great opportunity strongly to undergird Dr. Criswell in his position of leadership. Few, if any, Southern Baptist laymen, have a better understanding of the denomination and its program, since he has served several terms on the SBC Executive Committee, and on numerous other important convention committees. Moreover, he has traveled to every corner of the convention, has led laymen's crusades in several states, has visited and witnessed in numerous foreign countries, and is one of the top officials, and the laymen's leader for the Crusade of the Americas. Mississippians are proud that he will be working with Dr. Criswell and the other officers of the convention, during 1969, the year of the Crusade of the Americas.

As we consider the convention, its decisions, its forward look, and its rededication to its God given task of Christian witness, we feel that it was a good convention, which will challenge Baptists to make 1968-69 the best year of their history.

## Convention Sidelights

Mississippians always can be thankful that they are represented at Southern Baptist Conventions by PURSER HEWITT, Executive Editor of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger, and a deacon of First Church, Jackson. As a professional newsman Mr. Hewitt is able to give a concise, clear report of the convention, and as a Baptist who understands the convention and its workings, he is able properly to interpret those actions. We felt that some of the news reports which we saw in the public press and on radio and television did not always clearly interpret what the convention actually had done or said. We think this is because some reporters do not fully understand the Baptist way of doing things.

One of the great services of the convention was opening night when the messengers heard Mississippi's Dr. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS, preach the convention sermon. This was made doubly an exciting time for Dr. Hudgins and for all Mississippians, as well as others, when at the beginning of the service, in walked a large group of the deacons and other leaders of First Church, Jackson, who had flown to Houston in a chartered plane and a private plane, to back their pastor as he preached. These, along with other members of First Church, who already were at the convention as messengers, made a group of more than forty from the congregation, who sat in a group in a reserved section just in front of platform. We understand that Associate Pastor, JOSEPH TRIPLETT, deacon chairman, AL DOTY and deacon RALPH HESTER engineered the plans for the chartered plane, and deacon DR. CURTISS CAIN brought a group in his own private plane. It was a tremendous tribute to a pastor by his members, and he did not disappoint them or the convention in his message, which was one of the most effective convention sermons we have heard in many years.

ARTHUR BLESSITT, Hollywood, Calif., evangelist, who is a Mississippian, attended Mississippi College, and is known and loved by many Mississippians, was present at the convention, and preached at one of the psychedelic night clubs after convention sessions. Other messengers were present to assist him in personal witnessing, and two sailors from Holland were among those who made professions. Those two men were received into a church in Oklahoma by telephone, and baptized in the baptistry of the First Baptist Church, Houston, one night during the convention. One of them said that no one before had ever told him how to pray. Arthur Blessitt, served as a mission pastor in Montana for more than a year, and then as a pastor in the west, but in recent years has given himself to evangelism, working especially among young people, hippies, etc. Recently he established a mission on Sunset Strip in Hollywood, right in the midst of "hippie land" calling it "The Cellar". Blessitt says that it attracts from 300 to 1,000 young adults each night. He preaches there every night at midnight, and is assisted in his witness by others. Numerous Mississippians help support Blessitt in his ministry which is entirely by faith, and others desiring to do so may write him at Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Assn., P. O. Box 46216, Hollywood, Calif., 90046. Sometime ago he published a small book on his ministry called "Adventure in Faith". This may be obtained by sending one dollar. It tells the story of his amazing ministry and witness. Every Mississippian should pray for Arthur as he seeks to lead the "hippie land" group to knowledge of Jesus Christ.

As always, DR. W. C. FIELDS, Public Relations Secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention, and Press Representative for the Convention, and JIM NEWTON, Press Room Manager, along with a large staff of writers and workers, made the finest possible provision for the press representatives at the convention. Nearly 200 members of the denominational, national religious, and the secular press, were accredited at the convention, and the press service available to them was superb. Thanks, W. C. (former editor of the Baptist Record) and JIM (married a former Baptist Record staffer, Pat Tullos) for a difficult job well done!

Mississippians and former Mississippians played a large part in the program of the Pastor's Conference. MISS JOAN MYERS, present Miss Mississippi, and first alternate Miss America, and a student at Mississippi College, whose home now is at Forest, gave her testimony. TOM LESTER of Laurel, "Eb" on the television program "Green Acres," told of how God led him to Hollywood, and of the doors for Christian witness which had opened there. MR. WALLACE JOHNSON, of Memphis, business giant, and native of Attala County, gave a testimony of what God meant in the building his business. There were others, too, so many, that it is impossible to name them all, but Mississippi was well represented in this conference, other conferences, and the convention itself, and all gave a clear witness for Jesus Christ.



## "WHAT IS A REAL FATHER?"

By Dr. Richard Brannon  
Expo '67 was a first-rate spectacular! We saw chickens that could count, heard the weirdest sounds you could imagine and, believe it or not, met the "Father of the Year." All of this helped ease the eye strain and the foot pain.

You should've seen the "Father of the Year." Yes, sir, he was there — all 2,000 pounds of him! You see, the "Father of the Year" was a huge holstein bull — and that's no bull, or perhaps I should say that's a lot of bull.

Anyway, he was a sight to behold, lying in his stall, chewing a cud, half-dozing. He cared not one whit for the thousands of spectators and the honor of being called "Father of the Year."

Why, do you think, he was chosen as the "Father of the Year"? I'll tell you. Purely for his physical dimensions. Through him a strain of beef cattle could be produced which would result in bigger T-bone steaks and tastier prime ribs. Who wouldn't vote for old "Bevo" if he can do that!

Old "Bevo," or whatever his name was, is a classic example of a beast which can father an offspring without having to be father to the offspring.

Doesn't that pretty well sum up the basic difference between an animal and a human? The human is privileged both to father and to be father to his children.

I'll bet this handsome creature never walked the floor on the night his child was born. When he was an expectant father he never acted like expectant fathers usually act.

Why? Because for him there's no feeling of responsibility. A real father knows how deadly serious it is to bring children into the world. He simply can't treat it casually. For him, creating life imposes obligations more weighty than any other human experience.

What is a man's worst failure if it isn't to help bring children into the world without helping to bring them up in the world? Individuals who produce sons, but produce no men, have scarcely risen above the animal level.

A real father is teacher, counselor, friend, guardian and companion to his children. He is provider of life's necessities — both material and spiritual. He shows his offsprings the values of life, and gives them something strong to bounce on as they strive to grow up.

He lives before them daily with such strength and grace that when his days are done, those to whom he gave life and the understanding of life, happily conclude, "If God is a 'Father' as Jesus said He was, like my father was a father, then God can surely be trusted, loved and served."

That's what a real father is. He's a whole lot like God.

## ONE OF THREE ARRESTS IS FOR DRUNKENNESS

NESS said Senator Yarborough of Texas, addressing the Senate. Speaking of total arrests in United States, he said that half of those involved in fatal auto accidents are under the influence of alcohol. He said that a study made in a nine-year period in San Antonio, Texas, showed that 61% of all drivers and pedestrians killed in accidents were intoxicated.

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## Midwest Seminary President's Home Damaged By Fire

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Fire swept through the antebellum home of Midwestern Baptist Seminary President Millard J. Berquist here, causing about \$15,000 to \$20,000 damage.

Berquist was slightly burned when a piece of hot plaster fell and struck him on the face near his eye, but he was not seriously injured.

Almost all of the furnishings of the home were saved, including numerous antiques which Berquist and his family considered priceless.

Fire inspectors said they suspected the fire was caused by defective wiring in the attic. Most of the top floor was badly damaged, but the lower floor was not as seriously damaged.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Berquist and their daughter, Mrs. Barbara Phillips, were at home on the Sunday afternoon when the fire started. They were hosting an outdoor outing for about 50 students at the high school where Mrs. Phillips teaches.

## NO OTHER NAME



## New Books

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURES by John Phillips (Moody, 288 pp., \$3.95)

This is a fast-moving "tour" of the Scriptures, from Genesis through Revelation, in which the author points out items of interest and importance to the reader, while highlighting the theme of each book. The reader is brought face to face with personalities, places, and events.

BIG DAY AT DA MA by Bob Pierce, with Nguyen Van Duc and Larry Ward (Word, 72 pp.) World Vision, Inc. has been making a motion picture, and writing this book, about conditions in Vietnam.

Pierce explains why: "When a tiny baby cries for its missing mother, we do not stop to listen for political overtones in its pathetic little sob. When bodies are broken, when hearts are heavy, when stomachs are empty — our hearts tell us what to do.

When people need the Saviour and will listen, we must go to them wherever they are and with the story of His love. Here's one thing you can be sure when you think of Vietnam: there is need here. The book is the story of that need — and the thrilling story of what some of God's people are doing about it." Liberally illustrated with black and white photographs.

THE SCHOOL OF FAITH by Harold Wildish (Good News Publishers, One Evening Condensed Book, paperback, 50 cents, 63 pp.)

Says the author: "For six thousand years God has been running the 'school of faith.' He writes about some of God's pupils, 'Abel, the boy who was right,' 'Moses, the boy who chose well,' 'Sarah, the girl who was strengthened,' etc. The school motto is 'Now the just shall live by faith.'"

## Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

June 17—Marian G. Thornton, Clarke College faculty; James E. Scott, Winston Association Training Union director.

June 18—Mrs. Dale Lewallen, WMU vice-president, District VI; Mrs. Dorothy Crow, operating room instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing.

June 19—Mrs. Hollis Jones, Jeff Davis Association Training Union director; George F. Lee, Lawrence Marion, Walthall supt. of missions.

June 20—Roy Hood, Carey College faculty; Ann McMullan, Blue Mountain faculty.

June 21—Clyde Williams, Baptist Building; Mrs. Shirley Dyess, Baptist Building; Betty Smith, Baptist Building.

June 22—Sarah Walker, Baptist Book Store; Percy Barnett, Children's Village staff.

June 23—Linda Lane, Mississippi College faculty; John W. Legg, Mississippi College faculty.



# Pinnock Tells Pastors To Forsake Modernism

By Al Morgan

HOUSTON (BP)—A Southern Baptist seminary professor urged pastors here not to forsake the true Gospel message, but rather "forsake unbelief, modernism and shallow conservatism."

Clark H. Pinnock, assistant professor of New Testament at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, addressing the fourth session of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, challenged the pastors to "go on to maturity," letting the Bible rule their life, not in name only, but in reality and depth.

The greatest crisis the church has ever had to face is the current attack on the existence of divine truth, he charged.

"Perhaps only a small number now hold the new view of the Bible, but it only takes a few agitators to burn a city and a few rebels to overthrow a government," he said.

Pinnock described the new view as belonging to those "who no longer feel that they can be bound to its (Bible) literal teaching and final authority."

The issue involved in the last analysis is Christological, he added, or, "What think ye of Christ, whose son is he?"

Pinnock said to affirm Jesus' lordship in one breath, and then deny his specific teaching in the next, "is intellectual schizophrenia of a dangerous kind."

Pinnock earlier charged that an early stage drifting away from Southern Baptists' Biblical, Christ-centered theology is apparent, but added that it is not too late for the denomination to regain its stability.

Virginia Pastor

A Virginia pastor said that religious liberty is waning in America, with separation of church and state drifting.

J. B. Flowers, pastor of West Hampton Baptist Church in Newport News, Va., said the dangers that come on the breaking down of the wall of separation between church and state are obvious.

"First is the danger of clericalism, when a particular church used the powers of state to give her a preferred place in society. The purpose of freedom of religion is not only to give freedom of religion but also freedom from religion," said Flowers.

The use of this power by the church in Colombia, Italy, in Spain, and in Quebec, can only be referred to as valid evidence of the dangers of clericalism in the 20th century, he explained.

"At the other extreme is the totalitarian state that sets itself in the place of God," Flowers added. "The third danger that confronts the church when it depends on the state for its sanction of doctrine and its support of its advance is in the loss of vitality."

Flowers was one of four persons participating in a symposium on Baptist distinctives.

Speaking on "Free Institutions," Elwin L. Skiles, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., said, "Baptists should take another look at the consequences of the present limitations imposed by various conventions upon the trustees of her institutions as these relate to sources of financial support."

Skiles said he felt Baptists schools are seriously handicapped in competing with other schools which have financial support from federal and state educational funds.

"In addition to the normal sources of support by which all church-related and private schools operated in an earlier era most schools now have these funds with which to provide facilities which we are unable to offer our young people," he said. "As this gap widens, we may become less and less effective in our educational program."

Skiles added that the very nature of higher education programs as a part of the national purpose demands that the young people have equality of equipment and instruction at their command. "Unless there is a change in policy or marked improvement in private support, we face the prospect of lagging behind," he cautioned.

A former pastor, Skiles said Baptists should "rethink the place her schools occupy in American life as well as their responsibility in training for Christian leadership. Provin-

cialism at this point may well prove disastrous."

Skiles concluded that Baptists are "paying taxes to make other schools stronger while denying our own schools like resources with which to do a better job." He said that while religious liberty is one of the great concepts Baptists have enunciated and propagated through the centuries, there is no indication that governmental agencies wish to violate this concept.

Ramsey Pollard

Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, chided preachers and laymen who say that the Gospel is not relevant.

"I am sick and tired of people preaching and writing, and telling me that my preaching is not relevant," he said. "too many of our Sunday School teachers and editors are leaning in the wrong direction."

He urged pastors to "come back to the cross and preach it with fervor." He admitted that "we are living in a new day, but that man is still sinful and is unable to save himself."

He challenged young pastors not to desert the cross, but to "stand there and preach as long as you have strength to do so."

Odle Speaks

Editor Joe T. Odle added that "It is not the ecumenical churches that are crowded today, but those with an evangelical fervor."

Odle, editor of the Baptist newspaper of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, said

some Southern Baptists believe that the convention should become a participant in such ecumenical organizations as the National Council of Churches or the World Council.

He questioned Baptists' religious liberty, adding, "But could we become a part of these organizations without giving up some of our freedom?"

He said if Baptists were members of these bodies, "there is no possible way that they could separate themselves from the pronouncements and actions of these bodies, or their committees, no matter how distasteful they might be to the majority of our people."

Odle called for "Free souls, free churches, free institutions and a free denomination."

J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church in New Orleans for 32 years, told the pastors "There are no easy spots in the Lord's service. God did not call us to search out the easy places."

Grey said he had oftentimes heard the rumor that "Southern Baptists are going to split... but Southern Baptists are not going to have any splits. We're going to have some debate, but then we're going to go ahead and love each other."

He urged persons to start applying preventative medicine now that a diagnosis is completed. "We face crises which are opportunities. Our stand should be... I believe God."

## Religious Educators Want More Social Issues Materials

By Beth Hayworth

HOUSTON (BP)—Religious educators formally requested agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention to develop more materials on social issues and problems of family life to use in local church educational programs.

The action came after members of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association heard speakers and panelists protest the inadequacy of present church programs and materials needed to produce well-rounded persons who are able to live creatively in the 20th Century.

In the resolution adopted the group admitted that for too long religious education directors in churches have failed to encourage involvement in social issues, saying this is the pastor's responsibility. It added:

"Helping our people overcome their prejudices and closed minds is largely an educational task. We recommend that our association members plan educational experiences in the churches designed to help our church members overcome their problems so that they can truly be a part of the answers of our day and not a part of the problem."

Ernest Loessner, professor

of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented the resolution as chairman of the findings committee.

Earlier, education and family life specialists had criticized the inadequacy of convention materials to train parents to do a better job of rearing children in a Christian atmosphere in the home.

Ellis Bush, secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department, said national agencies had been designing programs and promoting plans that bypass the family and ignore the responsibility of parents to do what God intended for them to do.

In other action the educators elected Harold Souther of Kansas City, Mo., to succeed Al Parks of Montgomery, Ala., as president. Souther is minister of education for the Kansas City Baptist Association.

Russell Noel of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., was elected first vice-president and president-elect. Two other vice-presidents chosen were Miss Hazel Rogers, adult work consultant of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., and Philip Briggs, associate professor of religious education at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.

### SBC Blends

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HMB Asked To Lead

Baptists were asked to purge any hostility and misunderstanding from their hearts and to reaffirm themselves to reverence and respect for the lives and rights of others.

The statement asking the SBC Home Mission Board to take the lead in solving the problems relating to the national racial crisis was endorsed by an overwhelming 72 percent of the messengers after only minor revision and 60 minutes of discussion.

The continuing argument over the relative of evangelism and social ministries was treated in several addresses.

C. E. Autry of Atlanta, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, called for Southern Baptists to minister to the total persons as they took part in the Crusade of the Americas.

The new president, W. A. Criswell, said one of his first desires is to lead the denomination in a huge evangelistic and missionary effort. The messengers took him at his word by promptly pledging their support in any such undertaking.

The messengers who choose meeting places five years in advance selected Portland, Ore., for 1973. They will meet in 1969 in New Orleans on June 10-13.

Baptists who have to be sought out and begged to give are halfhearted, reluctant, and with little understanding of true stewardship. — W. E. Grindstaff in Principles of Stewardship Development.

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Several well-known Southern Baptists are seen seated side-by-side in Coliseum Thursday evening. From left: Bob Denny, Washington; Billy Graham, Montreal, N. C.; Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas; Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson.



Billy Graham, principal speaker Friday evening at SBC in Houston, is seen during press conference on Friday.



Among the officers elected for the coming year by the Church Music Conference at Houston last week were from left: James Adeock, Maryland, vice-president; Rod Latta, Illinois, vice-president; (third man unidentified), and James Woodward, Oklahoma City, vice-president.



Rev. Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, Calhoun City, and Mrs. Baker, visit booth of Baptist Joint Committee, and chat with Dr. C. Emmanuel Carlson, director (center).



Demonstrating their concern that Southern Baptists face the issues of race, poverty, and the war in Vietnam, a dozen students picket the auxiliary meetings in advance of the Southern Baptist Convention. They called their efforts "a non-disruptive silent vigil carrying placards."

## MISSION ACTION PROGRAM HEARD BY SUPERINTENDENTS

HOUSTON (BP) — A new Southern Baptist mission action program aimed at motivating Christians to do something to help people in a community who normally are overlooked by the local church was highlighted here to Baptist associational missions superintendents.

Miss Elaine Dickson, of Birmingham, Ala., assistant to the promotion director of Woman's Missionary Union, said the program strives to encourage Baptists to demonstrate their concern instead of intellectual theorizing or listening to preaching.

Speaking to the Conference of Associational Superintendents of Missions, one of five auxiliary meetings preliminary to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here, Miss Dickson said, "The Southern Baptist conscience is, more insistently than ever, asking 'What can I do?'"

In preliminary work com-

pleted by the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission, and the Home Mission Board, Miss Dickson said four major categories of need have been given priority for consideration by the churches in answer to the question.

These categories include (1) needs relating to Southern Baptist missions work, (2) needs within one church which can be met by other churches, (3) needs of community agencies and institutions which can be met by churches and (4) any other needs which call for action.

Elaborating on the four categories, Miss Dickson said emphasis must be given to joint efforts by churches to do something which one church cannot do alone.

Some churches live in the midst of overwhelming need. Many churches in a setting of intense need do not have adequate resources to meet all of the needs about them she said.

She urged churches to give priority attention to helping community agencies meet needs. She identified juvenile courts, homes for unwed mothers, nursing or convalescent homes, hospitals and offices of economic opportunity.

"In working with agencies, the church must determine which service outlets offer the most opportunity for the church to help meet the needs of the whole person — spiritual as well as others."

In another address, Hugh O. Chambliss, superintendent of missions, Huntsville, Ala., said association work has not reached its full potential because of four major obstacles.

He cited the lack of self appreciation essential for full accomplishment, fulfillment of stress on size instead of fulfilling its responsibility, the lack of a full program of action, and acting as diffusers of other programs instead of designers of its own.





Several persons are seen in front of the exhibit of the Radio and Television Commission.

## MISSISSIPPIANS AT SBC

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Others named to various committees were:

**Creditentials**—Dr. Joe Cothen, Jackson and Rev. Noxie J. Taylor, Louisville; State Baptist Papers and Baptist Joint Committee—Dr. Joe Odle, Jackson; Resolutions—Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg; Tellers—Rev. E. L. Howell, Jackson.

New members named to Boards of Trustees SBC agencies were: Annuity Board, Dr. David Grant, Jackson; Southwestern Seminary, O. O. Wells, Jackson; New Orleans Seminary, Dr. Bob Marshall, Laurel, and Brotherhood Commission, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo.

**Knox Honored**  
T. Cooper Walton, Jackson, member of SBC Executive Committee, served on an eight-man subcommittee that revised the statement on the crisis in the nation that was approved by that body.  
Dr. Cecil Knox, Vicksburg,

was named as vice president of the Board of trustees of Radio and Television Commission, of which he is a member.

Mrs. John Zachary of Laurel was recognized by President Paschall for her 15 years of perfect attendance at the services of her church, Second Avenue.

Mrs. John Traylor, of Tupelo was elected as corresponding secretary of Conference of Ministers' Wives. She is the wife of Dr. John Traylor, pastor of Calvary Church.

Several state people had parts on the program of the SBC Pastors' Conference, including Rev. Grant Clark, Corinth; Miss Joan Myers, of Mississippi College; Dr. Odle and actor Tom Lester, formerly of Laurel.

Those appearing on program of SBC Music Conference were Dr. Donald Winters and James Downey, both of Hattiesburg.

# Convention Adopts Series of Strong, Varied Resolutions

(Continued from page 1)  
Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer our deepest thanks. These elected officers, along with the president, have borne their responsibilities, and shouldered their duties, as always, in a helpful, Christ-honoring manner.

### No. 2—Appreciation for Host City

The messengers to the 111th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention acknowledge with gratitude the hospitality extended by the City of Houston and enjoyed through fellowship with Baptists in Houston and the Union Association.

We express appreciation to Mayor Louie Welch, to the city commissioners, to the members of the service departments of the city, and to the management and personnel of the Sam Houston Coliseum for the efficient and courteous manner in which our needs have been recognized and met. We further express appreciation to the local committees for many services and accommodations, and to the press, radio and television for their effective cooperation.

### No. 3—On Pornographic Materials

We reaffirm our resolution of the 1965 Convention relating to our opposition to obscene, pornographic, and offensive publications and entertainment and call the attention of our churches to the program of action which it recommends.

We call attention also to a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, announced on April 22, 1968, which upheld an act of the State of New York prohibiting the sale of obscene materials to minors under the age of seventeen. We urge Baptists everywhere to join with citizens concerned with the protection of children and young people from the immoral, degrading influences of offensive literature and entertainment to take advantage of this significant decision of our highest court, and to urge city councils, state legislatures, and Congress to pass laws, in keeping with this decision, to prohibit the distribution and sale of obscene publications and entertainment to minors.

We request the Christian Life Commission to represent this Convention in co-operative efforts with other denominations and groups concerned with efforts to combat the great evil of obscenity.

### No. 4—On Highway Safety

WHEREAS, 52,200 persons were killed and 4,000,000 injured on the nation's highways last year, and

WHEREAS, at the present rate one out of every two Americans will eventually be killed or injured in an auto accident, and

WHEREAS, some Southern Baptist Convention states each year lose five times as many citizens on their highways as they lose in Vietnam, and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to more effectively apply Christian principles to highway safety,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Houston, Texas, that we personally pledge ourselves to do our part to eradicate discourtesy, anger, impatience and selfishness on the highways, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we seek to practice the Golden Rule in our driving, taking seriously the obligation that we are our brother's keeper, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we keep before local, state and national governing bodies the documented fact that at least half of all highway fatalities are caused by drinking and drunken drivers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge stronger legislation at all levels to protect the innocent on our highways, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge churches to give special emphasis to these concerns.

### No. 5—On Beverage Alcohol

WHEREAS, the federal government has spent vast sums of money for the study of the effects of smoking on health, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed requiring cigarette manufacturers to warn of the health hazards of their product,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we express gratitude to our government for its actions attempting to protect the health of American citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request the Surgeon General of the United States to undertake a similar effort on the effect of alcoholic beverages on physical and mental health.

No. 6—On the Church  
WHEREAS, the New Testament doctrine of the church has been under subtle and obvious attack, and

WHEREAS, the local church has been berated, belittled, and even denounced before the eyes of the public across America, sometimes by those who speak under the church's auspices, and

WHEREAS, the role of the local church has been called into question by some religious leaders,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our belief in the church expressed in the Statement of Faith and Message adopted by the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our conviction that the local church, although imperfect, is being used today, as in the past, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and His kingdom for the saving and building of the whole man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we affirm our faith in the victory of Christ through His church as He himself said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

No. 7—On the Lord's Day  
WHEREAS, there is a growing disregard of Sunday as the Lord's Day, and

WHEREAS, there is under consideration in the Congress of the United States a bill to fix certain national holidays on Monday, and

WHEREAS, such a bill, if passed, will encourage further disregard of Sunday, as the Lord's Day,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we appeal for a proper and faithful observance of Sunday as the Lord's Day by our people.

### No. 8—On Church-State Relations

WHEREAS, the doctrine of soul liberty is basic to Baptist beliefs, its corollary being the doctrine of a free church in a free state, and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention has often expressed itself for separation of church and state, and

WHEREAS, in the passing years there has been an increasing complication in church-state relations in such matters as tax money in the form of grants and loans available for private and sectarian institutions, tax privileges for religious groups, religious ministries to armed service personnel, public assistance to dependent persons, international emergency

needs, and basic health services, and

WHEREAS, organized society has increasingly undergirded the provision of care for people in need because of age, lack of job skills or opportunities, illness, death of the breadwinner, or other emergencies, and

WHEREAS, many, if not most of the new church-state issues are arising through federal and state-administered programs or through urban planning and growth, and

WHEREAS, we are called upon continually to make a more precise definition of the separation of church and state as applied to these changing relations and programs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at Houston, Texas, June 7, 1968, that we reaffirm our basic doctrine of soul liberty and the corollaries of religious liberty for all men and a separation of church and state, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our faith in the principle that tax funds come from all citizens and should not be used to further the advantages of any religious or sectarian causes."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend those who have made studied analyses of these changing situations in an effort to safeguard our basic insights on freedom and on human dignity and need, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge Baptist agencies and institutions to assign leadership responsibilities concerning church-state relationships designed to safeguard both the people's rights under government and their freedom under God.

### No. 9—On the American Bible Society

WHEREAS, this Convention recognizes, first, that widespread distribution of the printed Word of God is a basic need in mission work around the world, and second, that missionary advance calls for even greater distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, other individual books of the Bible, and shorter Scripture selections, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the American Bible Society renders an essential worldwide missionary service through translating and publishing the Scriptures without note or comment and through distributing them without profit and usually below cost, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the American Bible Society is rendering an additional special service through providing, without charge, to the chaplains, Scriptures for distribution to the men and women of the armed forces and to patients in veterans hospitals, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the American Bible Society, in cooperation with 34 other national Bible societies, is now engaged in a program of worldwide missionary advance, with the theme, "God's Word for a New Age," seeking to place the printed Word of God in the hands, hearts, and lives of more people, in more lands, in more languages, and

WHEREAS, the American Bible Society has made an unprecedented contribution to the Christian witness in the widespread distribution of a new inexpensive translation of the New Testament in basic English under the title, "Good News for Modern Man," and

WHEREAS, the American Bible Society is engaged in gigantic, mass scripture distribution projects in large metropolitan centers such as Atlanta, Georgia, in cooperation with local churches, and

WHEREAS, the American Bible Society is providing special imprinted scriptural tracts for the Crusade of the Americas,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we fraternally urge all our churches and our people to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible Society, in order to provide the Scriptures needed for the missionary advance to which we are committed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage state conventions, associations and churches to emphasize in their own programs the need for a wider reading and shar-



Rev. Charles Taylor, pastor of Friendship Church, McComb, buys a book at Baptist Book Store Exhibit from the attendant, Mrs. Belle Arrowood.

ing of the Holy Scriptures in our own land and throughout the world.

No. 10—On Peace  
WHEREAS, peace negotiators are now engaged in efforts to terminate the cruel war in Vietnam which is taking an awesome toll in human life and property, and

WHEREAS, the universal dream of mankind is for a world of peace, brotherhood and freedom for all peoples, and

WHEREAS, as disciples of the Prince of Peace, we as Christians have a mandate to be peacemakers, to seek the preservation of human life, to love and to pray for all people, even our enemies, and

WHEREAS, there are many ministers from the ranks of Southern Baptists serving as chaplains in Vietnam, and

WHEREAS, young men from our families are fighting and dying in Vietnam,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we plead with the responsible leaders on all sides in this conflict to seek an immediate cease fire and a termination of all hostile activities and any further build-up of military power or advantage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the nations involved to seek an honorable solution that will bring a just and durable peace that recognizes the dignity and values of human personality and the inalienable right of all men to be free, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pray for the peace negotiators, the delegates of the United Nations, the men of good will in all parts of the world who seek after peace and justice, our Christian brothers who are suffering for their faith around the world, for suffering humanity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we be messengers of hope and good news, encouraging humankind not to despair in its quest for the reign of peace and justice and righteousness, ever believing that those are the gifts God seeks to give the people of this world through His Son and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### No. 11—On Violence, Disregard for Law

WHEREAS, violence, resulting in the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, has shocked our nation during this week of our Convention, and

WHEREAS, such violence is the latest in a series of tragic events which have convulsed our nation with grief in recent times, and

WHEREAS, the unbridled passion of mobs has shamed this country over and over again through lynching, rioting, looting, burning, and shooting, and

WHEREAS, the glorification and exploitation of violence in television, movies, newspapers and fiction have legitimized violence as a way of life, made heroes out of criminals, and exerted an adverse influence on the character of our nation, particularly our youth, and

WHEREAS, a permissive atmosphere has developed in our society where many people are psychologically conditioned to violence, crime and anarchy, and disrespect for law, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the basic cause of this climate of hatred, violence, extremism, and contempt for the rights of others is sin in the hearts of men.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Convention commend the President of the United States for his decisive condemnation of hatred and violence in saying, "We must not tolerate the sway of violent men among us. We must not permit men filled with hatred and careless of innocent life to dominate our streets and fill our homes with fear. We cannot sanction the appeals of violence, no matter what its cause, no matter what the grievance from which it springs," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend and support the President's urgent plea to Congress to "pass laws to bring the insane traffic in guns to a halt," while maintaining the constitutional right to legitimate possession of arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Convention call upon our local, state and national leaders to act decisively to meet the problems of which violence is a result, not only because we want to avert violence and anarchy, but because, under God, we want to do right, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we petition the executive, legislative, and judicial leaders of our nation and the individual states to uphold the law and to take positive steps to establish a climate of respect for law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend those responsible leaders of all groups who have shown, and are showing, remarkable determination in seeking to hold violence in check while working for social justice, and that we urge all leaders of all groups to refrain from encouraging others to disobey laws with which they are not in agreement but to seek redress of their grievances through proper legal procedures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all citizens to support their local police and all who are in authority not by words only but by paying taxes to raise police salaries and improving police training, insisting upon responsible use of force, and creating open communication between citizens and their policemen, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Baptist people to renew their allegiance to civil authority, respect for the rights of others, and cooperation with all agencies and institutions responsible for maintaining law and order and seeking to bring about social justice, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we continue to strive to purge hostility and misunderstanding from our heart, to seek forgiveness for our sins, and reaffirm our reverence and respect for the lives and rights of others, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call our institutions and agencies, our leaders, our people, and ourselves to a renewed dedication to Jesus Christ, and to the proclamation and practice of the Gospel of His redeeming love as the ultimate answer to the spiritual malady afflicting the modern world.

No. 12—On Evangelism and the Crusade of the Americas  
WHEREAS, the greatest need of the world is a spiritual awakening and a turning to God through Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, Baptists of this hemisphere are engaged in the greatest evangelistic enterprise in the history of Christianity, the Crusade of the Americas, and

WHEREAS, our newly elected president, W. A. Criswell, has expressed his desire to lead the Convention, into a tremendous evangelistic and missionary effort,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we commend our denominational leaders, agencies and workers and our churches, pastors and people for their commitment to the cause of evangelism in general and the Crusade of the Americas in particular, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call our people to full dedication and united prayer that the Crusade of the Americas might result in a mighty spiritual revival sweeping this hemisphere and the world, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pledge our prayerful support to our new president and our other leaders as they seek to lead us in this unprecedented evangelistic undertaking.



FIRST CHURCH, NETTLETON, led by Rev. W. T. Dixon, Jr., pastor, had the FORWARD PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP. Dixon reports the following: "Over all, our attendance has been higher, our financial goals much improved by no less than 30% increase. This program has been of benefit to the church. One of the reasons, I feel, is because it reminds the people of their obligation to God and His kingdom." Rev. Harold Alderson, Superintendent of Missions for Lee Association, is pictured above (r) with Mr. Dixon (l).

## ATTENTION Adult Union Members

### Carey Welcomes Dean Of Women

William Carey College welcomed a new dean of women to the campus June 3. She is Mrs. Rita Matthews Goodbread originally from New Augusta.

Mrs. Goodbread is a graduate of William Carey College in the class of 1964. She holds the Bachelor of Science degree in the field of home economics education. In August of this year she will receive her Master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Southern Mississippi.

From 1964 until 1968 Mrs. Goodbread taught Home Economics in the Biloxi Public Schools.

She is married to Terrance Milton Goodbread, formerly of Clarkdale, who is attending the University of Southern Mississippi Math Institute. In the fall he will be teaching in Hattiesburg High School.



Under the joint leadership of Lawson Pankey (pictured above) and Bill Latham of our own department, Adults at Gulfshore this summer will be led in a laboratory study of progressive learning procedures for adults. Mr. Pankey is associate secretary of the Virginia Training Union Department and outstanding in the field of adult work and group dynamics.

Write for your reservation to W. T. Douglas, Manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian.

## Churches In The News

The Chapel Choir of First Church, Biloxi went by chartered bus to Houston, Texas to join 1500 other teenagers in the singing of "Good News" a Christian folk musical. The choir sang at the closing session of the Southern Baptist Convention preceding the final convention sermon by Dr. Billy Graham.

West Salem Church, Greene County, will observe homecoming June 16. Dinner will be served after the morning service. Former pastors are invited to speak at the afternoon service at 2 o'clock. States the pastor, Rev. William B. Raley.

First Church, Horn Lake, Rev. R. C. Cannon, pastor, is adding a new educational addition.



# The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—  
Faith And Works Learning In Fellowship

By Clifton J. Allen  
James 1-2

In our study of the wisdom literature of the Bible, it is appropriate to study the letter of James. It differs from Old Testament wisdom literature in that it rests on the truth of the Christian gospel and the necessity for personal faith in Christ as Saviour. James, the writer of the letter, was a half brother of Jesus. He became a believer following Jesus' resurrection. His letter was perhaps the earliest of the New Testament writings. Its major theme is practical Christianity.



**The Lesson Explained**  
**A Dead Faith**  
Verses 14-17

These verses emphasize the truth negatively by showing that faith can be meaningless and dead. When James wrote his letter, some persons who claimed to be Christians ignored moral duties and neglected to show love for fellow Christians. James showed that faith in Christ which fails to produce righteous conduct and works of mercy is utterly worthless. Using the illustration of a person without clothing or without food, James said that indifference to such need was clear-cut evidence that faith was dead. This means that the faith which relates a person to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord creates love in the heart and leads to unselfishness and finds expression in compassion and helpfulness.

**A Living Faith**  
Verses 18-26

Christian faith is so much more than intellectual belief. It is a living force uniting one with Christ, and it becomes productive in the life of the Christian. Belief that there is one God is, of course, necessary. But a living faith goes beyond intellectual ascent—the devils go that far and tremble—and causes one to be obedient to God. To prove his point, James used two illustrations. Abraham proved his faith, his trust in and obedience to God, by offering Isaac on the altar. Abraham was justified by works in the sense that his works resulted from and confirmed his faith. Therefore, his faith was counted to him for righteousness; and he rose to the high distinction of being called "the friend of God." Rahab, likewise, proved the reality of her faith in God by endangering her life to show kindness to the messengers of God.

**A Pattern For Life**  
In the midst of trial, faith produces steadfastness. Faith leads to prayer, trusting God to give what is needed. Faith relates Christians as brothers, feeling that they have equal standing before the Lord. The Christian's faith shows itself in resisting temptation, receiving God's good gifts with gratitude, refraining from anger, striving to be obedient to the commandments of God, bridling the tongue, showing kindness to persons in distress, and keeping oneself unsoiled by the world. In the Christian community, social distinctions, economic differences, and class status become secondary. The worth of persons is seen in the grace of God. The royal law of love binds believers together in mutual respect and active goodwill, proving that by faith they are united with Christ.

never forgot to visit God's house. The Spirit of God can only move upon worshipping people. The church was a happy group of people. Deep in their hearts there was joy that no one could take away. They were involved in the greatest work. Because there was something special about this group, many wanted to join the group. The group with its winsomeness was busy influencing people. True Christianity has an attractiveness about it. When people are learning about Jesus, they will have this quality about them.

By Bill Duncan  
Acts 2:42-47 18:24-28

With this lesson we begin a series of studies on "The Church, Fellowship of Learning." The emphasis of fellowship is needed in our churches today. The word fellowship speaks of sharing and togetherness. These two qualities do not always refer to the party atmosphere but speak of spiritual understanding. The early church shared their possessions and shared their joy and sorrow one with the other. They also shared their knowledge. There were many who were converted that knew nothing of Jesus or the Hebrew religion. Their background was shallow in knowledge. The most important part of their fellowship was the emphasis on acceptance. Everyone accepted one another as brother. This created a condition where men could learn the truth of God. In this fellowship, an intense feeling of responsibility for each other was evident.

**A Learning Church**  
Acts 2:42-47

After Pentecost the converts and disciples persevered in listening to the apostle's teaching. The word translated doctrine is an active word. They were involved in the learning. They were more than listening. One of the perils of any church is a static religion that does not continue in learning. The early disciples had so much to learn yet their material was not written, but in the hearts of those apostles that had walked with Christ all the way.

Because they continued in learning, many things happened in the church. They kept attention on praying. They wanted to speak to God before they spoke to men. They did not want to meet life in their own strength, and they did not have to do so. They were worshipping still with other's busy lives. They



Rev. David Merritt

## 1st, Lucedale Calls Pastor

Rev. David Lee Merritt has accepted a call to the pastorate of First Church, Lucedale.

Mr. Merritt, a native of Laurel, graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He has held pastorates in Kentucky and Mississippi with his last pastorate being Richton Church, Richton, where he had served four years.

He is married to the former Joan Elaine Wead, native of Louisiana. She is a graduate of Mississippi College. They are the parents of Wendy Sue 8, and David Mark 6. The Merritts will move to Lucedale on July 1.



## Purvis Pastor Gets Silver Service

PICTURED above is Rev. W. O. Langworthy, pastor, First Purvis, Mrs. Longworthy, and their four children, Sharon, Dawn, Warren Jr., and John as they receive a silver service given to them by the church on their fourth anniversary in Purvis. The gift was presented by L. D. Jarvis, chairman of deacons.

## Woman's Missionary Union

### Missionary Guests For GA Camp

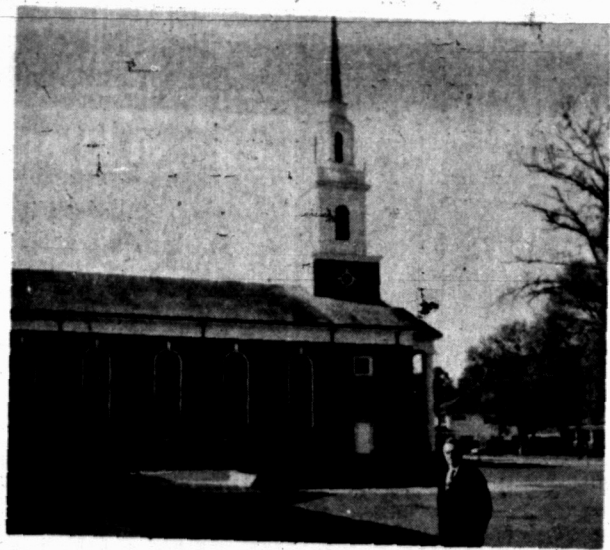
June 10-15	Foreign Missionaries	Indonesia
17-22	The John Smith Family	
June 24-29	Miss Mary Lou Hobart	Tanzania
July 1-6	Emogene Harris	Nigeria
July 7-12	Marylu Moore	Italy
August 5-10	Home Missionaries	
12-17	Retired, field worker HMB	
	Pastor Chinese Baptist Church,	Memphis
	Mrs. Dolton Haggen	Missionary to Choctaw Indians

### Glorieta WMU Conference

Chartered Bus will leave Jackson July 15 and return July 25.  
Cost—\$135 (all except meals enroute. This is twin bed rooms with bath).  
Send—\$3.00 registration fee to WMU Office

#### ITINERARY

Monday, July 15, 7 a.m.	Leave Jackson, overnight	Abilene
Tuesday, July 16	Leave Abilene for Carlsbad and then El Paso, overnight	El Paso
Wednesday, July 17	Leave El Paso for Albuquerque and Santa Fe, overnight	Santa Fe
Thursday, July 18	Leave Santa Fe for Taos and then to Glorieta	Glorieta
Wednesday, July 24	Leave Glorieta for Wichita Falls, Texas, overnight	Wichita Falls
Thursday, July 25	Leave Wichita Falls to Jackson, arriving late in the afternoon.	



## Hattiesburg Pastor Describes Church Budget Divisions

First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, responding to the leadership of Dr. Brooks H. Wester, pastor, has made significant advance in mission giving through the Cooperative World Missions Program. Dr. Wester says, "We believe that every dollar contributed to our church is used for world missions. Hattiesburg is one of the mission fields of the world. A person without Christ as Saviour in our city is just as spiritually lost as the most uninformed person in the most underdeveloped nation of the earth. But, since

our marching orders from the Lord Jesus Christ include Hattiesburg, Lebanon Association, Mississippi, the United States of America, and every nation of the earth, we have attempted to plan a budget that will implement and support a ministry of teaching and baptizing that will enable us to be obedient to our Commander-in-Chief.

"There are three main divisions of our budget. The first is missions, second is local operating expenses, and the third is development, which includes debt retirement, insurance and interest, and is funded by designated gifts. There is a fourth facet to our financial program that is not included in the budget because it is an 'over and above' amount. This includes the special offerings for foreign missions, home missions and state missions.

"There are three divisions of the missions section of the budget. First is the Cooperative Program, second is local mission projects, and third is special missions. The total of these three items is one-third of all undesignated funds given through the year. The Cooperative Program goal for 1968 is \$40,000. This is an increase of \$15,000 over 1967. In the local mission projects we include support for William Carey College, the Negro Seminary, BSU and ministry to students, and funds to assist the disadvantaged in our city. In special missions we have funds to support our associational ministry, pioneer mission areas (we have given assistance to three this year), and assistance to a church in our association. Our total missions giving goal (not counting the special mission offerings) is \$65,500 for 1968. Our total budget (not including special mission offerings) is \$228,000.

The church has been in major building programs since 1953, but the faithful spirit of the people is indicated by the fact that gifts to missions have continued to increase during this period."

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Rev. George L. Lewis

## Franklin To Dedicate New Building

Franklin Church, Flora (Madison County) has completed a new auditorium and education building, replacing the building that was destroyed by a tornado last fall. On Sunday, June 16, they will have homecoming with dinner on the grounds, and will dedicate the new building at 2 p. m.

A revival will begin on that date with the new pastor of the church, Rev. George L. Lewis, preaching, and Elmer Lowrey, minister of music at Westview, Jackson, leading the singing.

Pastor Lewis, a native of Simpson County, graduated from Harrisville High School and served in the Air Force for nine years. He is now attending Hinds Junior College. Mrs. Lewis is the former Beatrice Long of Auburn, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Dale Edward and Deana Lynn.

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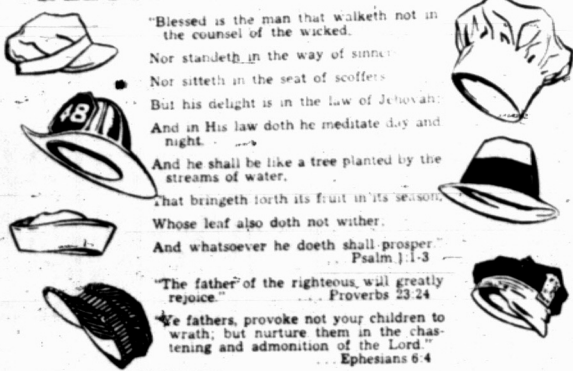
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# SCRAPBOOK

## BLESSED ARE THE FATHERS



"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked. Nor standeth in the way of sinners. Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers. But his delight is in the law of Jehovah. And in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water. That bringeth forth its fruit in its season. Whose leaf also doth not wither. And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalm 1:1-3

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice." Proverbs 13:24

"Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

## GIVE ME A MAN

Give me a man who before all things loves God with his whole soul; who loves himself and his neighbor in so far as they love God, his enemy also as one who may sometimes love Him; who loves his relatives according to the flesh in a brotherly fashion by reason of nature, his spiritual instructors more abundantly by reason of grace, his love for other things being thus regulated by his love for God; who despises the earth and fixes his mind on heaven; who uses this world as not using it and distinguishes by a certain inner taste the things that are only to be used from those that are to be enjoyed, so that he troubles himself for transitory things only temporarily, while and in so far as there is need of them, and embraces eternal things with desire natural.

—Bernard Of Clairvaux

## PAUL HARVEY

### "What Are Fathers Made Of?"

"Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough... so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's."

This excerpt is typical of the humorous, incisive message in Paul Harvey's "What Are Fathers Made Of?"

When the popular news commentator gave the reading on "Master Control's," 1966 Father's Day broadcast, mail response to the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission program broke records.

The overwhelming audience reaction prompted the Commission to include Har-

vey's reading as one of the features in this year's Father's Day program.

Also on the program will be the late Cowboy Joe Evans telling the story of "The Prodigal Son" in cowboy language. Rex Allen, popular Western personality, will be interviewed on his experiences as a member of the board of the Big Brothers program for fatherless boys, and there will be a feature from Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo, Texas.

The Father's Day theme will also be stressed through music. Jimmy Rogers will sing "Child of Clay" and "Turn Around"; Mike Doug-

## FOR FATHERS ONLY

It was a simple, almost casual experience. Funny thing, though. I find that God often gets through to me best in blockbuster effect through ordinary little things.

From the balcony of our church I got an angle view of my squirming son as he wiggled his way all over that church pew waiting for the Christmas Sunday school program to start. As I looked at him, my mind clicked as this thought came:

Barring accident, I'll be the only father this boy will ever have. So, I'd better be a good one! The only window to the world he would have in the way of a father. For him, much of life would be seen as he saw it in me and as I taught him.

Family wise, socially, sports, love, financially, his only father. But, most important, spiritually.

And I winced inwardly as I researched my soul to see what kind of a father I had been to the lad entrusted by God to me. In that quiet moment I concluded for myself, and I pass it on to you, that my son needs me more spiritually than he does any other way.

So does your son, or sons.

Ephesians 6:4 leaped out at me, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

My job, dad. Not your wife's. Who has so much more time, you know. Your job, dad. Not your wife's.

The Christian home in North America will regain its rightful godly backbone when dad re-assumes the place he too often has given up as the spiritual head of the house. It's strange, but true, too, that when dad assumes his Biblical place, everything else falls in place better.

Remember, you're the only father your son, or sons, will ever have. So you'd better be a good one! May it be said of you as was said of Abraham in Genesis 18:19, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment."

Pull out your Bible on Father's Day. Gather the family around. Read some verses. Ask the children and your wife what prayer requests they have, then voice them to God as you lift your family heavenward as the spiritual head of your home. Your congregation needs you.

—Mel Larson for EP News Service

## A Wife's Regret

O my husband dear, the years that we might have spent free of care, work and schism. Are snatched from our joy by the blight Of hope-shredding invalidism.

If we believed a good God could bring Such an evil, injurious thing Upon one of his innocent children here We might turn to curse instead of revere.

But God, ever loving, bestows only blessing Though not always plain to us under the dressing Love's patience meets destiny's dross. Jesus ne'er promised crown before cross.

—June Priest Burlington, Wash.

## JESSE LANEY BOYD, SR.

JUNE 23, 1881. JUNE 23, 1967.

And now I have finished my work, which not the ire Of Jove, nor tooth of time, nor sword, nor fire Shall bring to nought. Come when it will that day Which o'er the body, not the mind, has sway. And snatch the remnant of my life away. My better part above the stars shall soar. And my renown endure for evermore. Where'er the Roman arms and arts shall spread, There by the people shall my book be read: And, if aught true in poet's visions be, My name and fame have Immortality.

—James B. Butler, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission

las, "The Men in My Little Girl's Life"; and Matt Monroe, "Sunrise, Sunset."

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, Billy Graham professor of evangelism, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, will give the "Insight" message.

## HIS EXAMPLE

There are little eyes upon you, And they're watching night and day; There are little ears that quickly Take in every word you say. There are little hands all eager To do every thing you do; And a little boy who's dreaming Of the day he'll be like you. —Edgar A. Guest

## Dr. Winstead Honored On 80th Birthday

Dr. J. H. Winstead, retired pastor, was honored on his 80th birthday, Sunday, May 19, by the Adult Training Union of Pelahatchie Church. The pastor, Rev. Bob Maddux, gave the highlights of Dr. Winstead's life, including his graduation from Mississippi College, with a B. A. degree, Th.M. from Southwestern Seminary, and Ph.D. from Southern Seminary.

Greetings were read from Dr. A. A. Kitchings, a former classmate of his at Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

His pastorates were in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Missouri. He served as a Range Finder with the Heavy Artillery during World War I, and as instructor at Ingalls Shipyards, Pascagoula, during World War II.

He was married to Miss Edna Robinson (Miss Edwina Robinson, state executive secretary, WMU, is her niece) on March 24, 1918. His wife is now deceased. His daughter, Mary Lou Daniels, and her family, live in Miami, Florida. His granddaughter is the wife of a Baptist minister, and his grandson is preparing for the ministry.

The tea table featured a yellow and white color scheme. The birthday cake, stimulating a yellow shirt complete with collar, cuffs, cufflinks, a brown striped tie, was packed in a gift box.

The Mississippi State Department of Education. General assemblies will be held at 11 a. m. and class sessions from 1:30 until 3:30 p. m.

Offer specialists to be featured on the program include Miss Gertrude Brucklacker, Reading Field Editor for Ginn and Company; Dr. John R. Rogers, Directing Reading Center, University of Mississippi; and Dr. Wade Woodall, Regional Field Editor for Scott, Foresman and Co.

Registration will be held Saturday, June 15, from 2 to 4 p. m., and Monday, June 17, from 8:30 to 1:30.

## Family Duties

By John H. Traylor, Jr., Calvary Church, Tupelo

A little girl went with her mother to a church with stained glass windows. "Who are those people in the windows?" she whispered to her mother. "They're saints," her mother whispered back.



That same week, the girl was taken by her mother to visit an old lady in the village whose life was very lonely. As they left the house, the mother said: "Well, that's a real saint you've been to see today."

The girl did not say anything at the moment, but she struggled with the problem of relating to each other the figures in the stained glass windows and the lovely old lady. Suddenly she saw the answer. "I know what a saint is," she said to her mother. "A saint is someone who lets the light shine through."

Our first obligation as a Christian is to let the light of Christ's love shine through us into our homes. Christ said to the Gadarene demoniac whom he had healed: "Go home... and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19).

The Christian home should be "a little bit of heaven." Dad, since this Sunday is Father's Day, let me ask you a question: how is it in your home? Is it well with you? Is it well with your wife? Is it well with your children?

In some circles, advice on family living is cheap. I personally do not find instructions on family living easy to give. I am more like the young minister who preached a sermon entitled "Ten Commandments for Rearing Children." Later, he and his wife had their first child. He changed the name of his sermon to "Ten Suggestions for Rearing Children." When several other children were born into their home, he threw away the sermon altogether.

I am not a perfect husband or father. Many of my attitudes and actions, I trust, are wholesome and help to make our home "a place of blessing and a haven of peace." Yet I fall far short of my responsibility as head of the home. Doubtless all of us can profit by a consideration of what the Bible says about family duties.

Turn in your Bible to Ephesians 5:21-6:4. For the principle that must govern the attitudes and actions of all of us in the home, see 5:21. Simply stated, the principle is that we must put our responsibility to one another above our rights. Can you state the principle better?

The responsibility of the wife is described in 5:22-24. That of the husband in 5:25-33. That of children in 6:1-3, and that of parents—fathers especially—in 6:4. As you read, note these key verses—5:22, 25; 6:1, 2, and 4. Ask God to help you understand and fulfill your responsibility in your home.

## Review Sessions To Be Held For Changing Degrees

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Guided review sessions will be offered June 24-27 for those wishing to exchange the BD degree for the new MDIV degree. The review sessions (Thursday, 2 to 3) will offer study suggestions for men who have been out of school

for a time and wish review help in preparing for the comprehensive exam.

The comprehensive exam will be given on Friday, June 28.

In addition to passing the exam, Southwestern graduates who hold the BD (language) degree need only surrender their old degree and pay the \$7.50 diploma fee in order to receive the MDIV degree.

## Names In The News

Rev. Thurman Booth has resigned the pastorate of Monroe St. Church, Bogalusa, La. to accept the pastorate of Victoria Church, Baton Rouge, La. He will assume the new responsibilities the first week in June. Monroe St. has added \$335,000 in building in his eleven and half years as their pastor. They have received 739 new members, and mission gifts have advanced 200 per cent.

Dr. Russell McIntire on Sunday, May 12, marked his 18th anniversary as pastor of First Church, Clinton.

Rev. Brooks Lindsey, pastor, Plantersville Church, has been officially appointed as assistant tour director for a ten-day traveling seminar and mission tour of the Bible Lands in December, 1968. Host will be Dr. Wayne Dehoney, and as a special fea-

ture, Dr. Kenneth Chafin, Professor of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism, Southern Seminary, will serve as special lecturer. The tour will begin during the slack holiday time and will depart on December 31st. The Bible Lands Seminar can be financed for \$749; with as little as \$75 down and less than \$30 a month in payments that do not begin until 45 days after the travel seminar. One may enroll by writing Rev. Brooks Lindsey, Box 27, Plantersville, Mississippi.

Warner Sallman recently died in Chicago at the age of 76. The artist was most famous for his painting, "Head of Christ." Since the work was painted in 1926, more than 100 million copies have been distributed around the world.

Rev. Marshall J. Strother, pastor of First Baptist Church

Glendive, Montana, is moving to Pueblo, Colorado (1025 Horseshoe Road, 81001). He has accepted a call to Belmont Baptist Church.

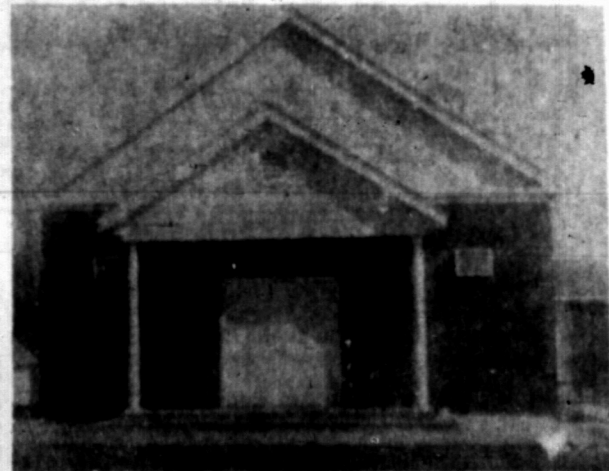
Mrs. William H. Ross, Morton, attended a recent writers' conference in Nashville and received assignments for Adult Assembly Programs (Life & Work) for 1969-70 for the BUILDER. Mrs. Ross is the wife of the pastor of 1st Church, Morton.

Newly elected class presidents of Blue Mountain College are: Lynette Keeling, Du Quoin, Ill., permanent 1968 class president and president for the 1967-68 regular annual session; Jo Ann Johnson of Dublin, president of the Sophomore Class; Rosemary Sample of Sheffield, Ala., President of the Junior Class; and Hope Green of Mobile, Alabama, President of the Senior Class.



## Vesper Choir To Travel To Texas

The Vesper Choir of West Heights Church, Pontotoc will travel to the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area on June 24. They will visit Six Flags Over Texas, Southwestern Seminary, First Church, Dallas, and other points of interest. These who are making the trip have compiled a choir attendance percentage of 80% since September 1. The church has recently purchased robes for this choir.



## Northminster To Hear N. C. Youth Choir

A concert by a highly acclaimed youth choir en route to sing at the HemisFair will be presented in the sanctuary of Northminster Church, Jackson, on Thursday, June 13, at 7:30 p. m. The sixty-three voice Youth Choir of the Meyers Park Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, will spend one night in Jackson as the guests of the congregation of Northminster.

Northminster Church, constituted in December of 1967, invites friends from other churches to attend this concert which should be of special interest to other youth groups in the city. The temporary sanctuary of Northminster Church is in the old Temple Beth Israel on Woodrow Wilson Drive. Dr. L. Dudley Wilson is the pastor.

## Elementary Teachers' Meet At Blue Mtn.

The Twelfth North Mississippi Elementary Teachers' Workshop will be held at Blue Mountain College June 17-21. The program theme will be "Language Arts in the Elementary School."

"Language Improvement through Music" will be directed, from 8:30 until 10:30 a. m. by Miss Ernestine Ferrell, supervisor of music education in

## As Old As Winston County, Good Hope Is Renovated

Good Hope, Louisville, will hold dedication services, June 16 at 2 p. m. with a former pastor, Rev. Garland Eaves, Interstate Church, Shaw, bringing the message.

Organized in 1833, with 40 charter members, this is the oldest church of any kind in Winston County. In fact, it is almost a year older than the county of Winston, which was carved out of the old Lowndes county that was ceded to the government by the Choctaw Nation at Dancing Rabbit Creek Treaty in 1832 just about three miles from this church building.

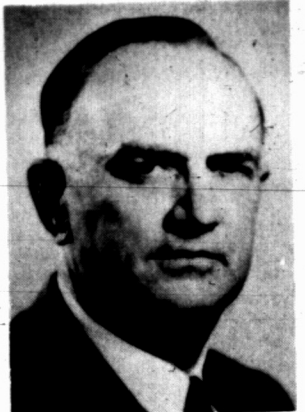
This is the third building to stand on the same spot; this present building was erected

in 1885, but since has had some repairs. A complete job of renovating and bricking has been done, new chairs added, carpet on the floor, electric organ given, three new pews added, and several things given in memory and love of the church. All these will be dedicated at this service.

For former pastors and former members are especially invited, states Rev. E. S. Hall, pastor.

## Indonesia Telecast

Indonesian Baptists recently presented a half-hour television program to a potential audience of 1,000,000 throughout the island of Java.



Rev. O. C. Hicks

## Rev. O. C. Hicks

### Dies At Age 72

Rev. O. Cecil Hicks, 72, died May 21 at Choctaw County Hospital, Ackerman. Funeral services were held at Friendship Church, Oktibbeha where he was serving as pastor at the time of his death, with burial in the Craig Springs Cemetery, Oktibbeha County. Mr. Hicks had pastored churches for around 50 years, in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Illinois, and Mississippi.

Services were conducted by Rev. Vernon May, pastor, First Church, Louisville, assisted by Rev. J. H. Melton, Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Hicks' brother-in-law.

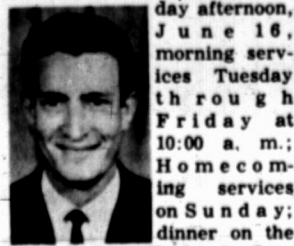
Mr. Hicks was the father of the late Marlin A. Hicks, Southern Baptist missionary to Chili.

He was married in 1946 in Blytheville, Arkansas, to the former Sarah Frances Rowland, then educational secretary of the First Baptist Church of Blytheville. To this union was born one daughter, Margaret, who has just finished her junior year at Mississippi State University. Both Mrs. Hicks and Margaret survive him.

Other surviving children, whose mother preceded him in death, are: Waymon L. Hicks, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Carl Dyer, Fort Worth; Weldon B. Hicks, Houston, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Hicks of the Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Eight grandchildren survive; also four brothers; and two sisters.

## REVIVAL DATES

Smyrna, near Hazlehurst: beginning Monday night, June 10, 7:30 p. m.; through Sunday afternoon, June 16, morning services Tuesday through Friday at 10:00 a. m.; Homecoming services on Sunday; dinner on the ground; Rev. Bobby D. Box, Shreveport, Louisiana, graduate student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist.



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Holly Springs (Lincoln): June 16-21; Rev. Luther M. Price, evangelist; Rev. George C. Turnage, Jr., pastor; lunch at the church Sunday, June 16, and services at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.; weekday services, evening only, at 7.

McCall Creek Church (Franklin Association): June 16-21; morning services, 10:30 evening services, 7:30; Rev. Milton Williams, evangelist, First Church, Wisner, La.; Rev. Hilton Coward, pastor; Homer Case, song leader.

Cascilla (Tallahatchie): June 16-21; Dr. Gordon L. Sansing, director, Evangelism Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, Rev. Len Turner, pastor and song leader; Sunday worship services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; weekday services 10:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.



Rev. Len Turner, pastor and song leader.

Conehatta (Newton): June 17-23; Rev. Albert O. Jenkins (pictured), pastor of Central Church, Springhill, La.; evangelist; Dr. James L. Clark, pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; homecoming dinner to be held at Community House following morning service on June 23.



SAYS BILLY GRAHAM

# Shooting Of Kennedy Symbolic

MONTREAT, N.C. — Evangelist Billy Graham said at his Montreat, North Carolina, home that the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in California "is symbolic of what is happening throughout the country and much of the world."

Dr. Graham added that "the ugly tide of crime and violence is spreading throughout the world and unless trends can be reversed, we are on our way to anarchy and probably dictatorship."

Dr. Graham said he had learned of the tragedy when a friend called him about 4 a.m. He said he then spent several hours in meditation and prayer.

"I don't weep often," Dr. Graham said, "but today in this beautiful sunshine, I wept this morning for the country that has declined so much in its morality and spirituality."

Looking back to the days following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November, 1963, Dr. Graham said he recalled "the wonderful statements" made in the wake of the tragedy.

The 1963 assassination many felt represented a "new birth of tolerance and justice" and "we said through our tears that a great lesson had been learned."

But since 1963, the tragedy "has spread like a slime — sane people are suddenly going berserk. Crime is rising six times faster than the popu-

lation. It seems as if a hoard of demons of violence has been let loose in the country. "At the heart of it," Dr. Graham asserted, "is a deep spiritual dissent."

The evangelist also had this to say: "Unless the nation turns to God and has a moral and spiritual bath, I think American democracy is in deep peril because the people are going to demand law and

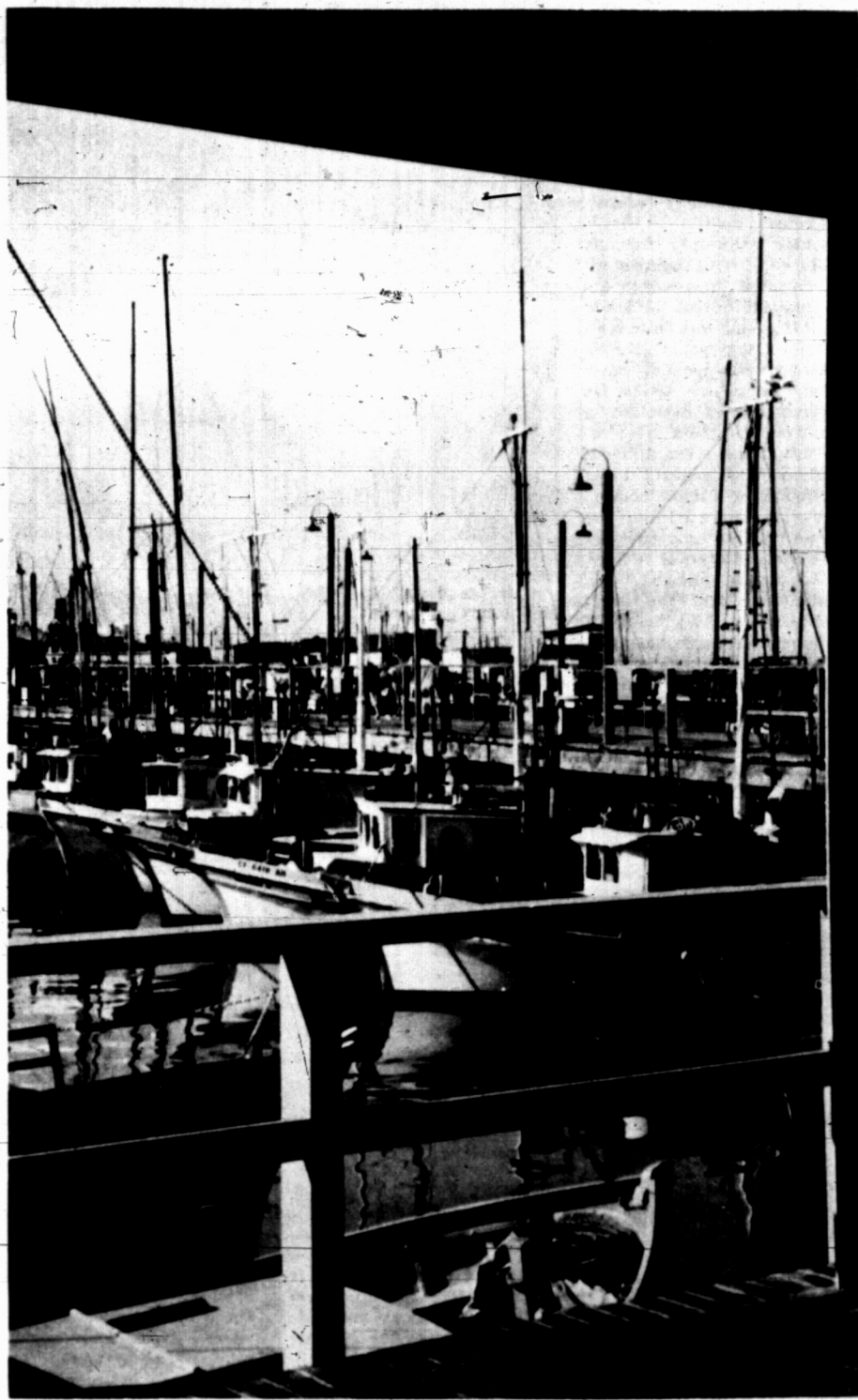
order above everything else."

**Points To Issue**  
Dr. Graham said he feels law and order is going to be the number one issue in the 1968 presidential campaign and he added, "the candidate who best convinces the public that he can bring about law and order is going to be elected."

Asked if he would favor all-out gun control laws as a

means of preventing further such tragedies, Dr. Graham commented that "the real people," he said he "seriously doubts" if presidential candidates will continue to be able to get out among the people. He said in his own work he is "constantly faced with threats."

"Call it mobocracy if you problem is in the hearts of (Continued on page 2)



JESUS SAID, "Come ye after me, and I will make you...fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

## High Court Opens Doors To Test Aid To Religion

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court in a landmark case opened doors that could affect future church-state relations in America. It ruled that taxpayers under certain circumstances have a right to challenge acts of Congress on grounds of violation of the religion clause of the First Amendment.

Heretofore, on the basis of a 1923 court ruling in *Frothingham v. Mellon*, taxpayers had

little or no standing in a federal court to challenge the constitutionality of federal expenditures.

Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the opinion of the court. Justice John M. Harlan was the lone dissenting voice.

The new ruling of the court (*Flast v. Cohen*) did not nullify the *Frothingham* doctrine against taxpayers suits challenging federal spending, but

it did say that this ruling does not prohibit some cases in which the establishment and freedom of religion are involved.

As if to warn the advocates of "open court challenges to federal spending in areas affecting church-state relations, the Supreme Court on the same day ruled that a New York state law providing for the loan of textbooks at public expense to parochial school pupils does not violate the Constitution.

So while loosening the rules on First Amendment court cases, the Supreme Court made it clear that it felt that government could provide public services to students in all schools without thereby furnishing aid to church schools or agencies.

The *Flast* case arose in New York when a group of citizens challenged the use of federal funds for programs and services in certain parochial schools. At issue are guidance services and instruction in reading, writing and other subjects. Included are the purchase by federal funds of textbooks and other instructional materials in such schools. (Continued on page 2)

## Many Demands Made On ABC By Negroes

(Watchman-Examiner Convention Extra)  
The American Baptist Convention sessions in Boston didn't turn out quite as planned. The program was designed along the lines of an evangelical ecumenism. The morning Bible lectures were to be given by the well-known Presbyterian scholar, Dr. James S. Stewart.

Among the speakers bearing

greetings to the delegates would be the popular Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Episcopalian Dr. Charles V. Willie, and Methodist preacher Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton. The order of this was plain to be seen.

Theological orthodoxy would be maintained, but it would be within a relevant framework of evangelical ecumenicity and racial justice, the former being given major standing.

Well, all the featured events did occur. Speakers spoke as expected, debaters debated as expected, and business was transacted as usual. What had not been scheduled, however, and what completely changed the design was the eruption of the Black American Baptist Churchmen as a power block in the Convention.

Meeting in pre-convention session, a small but very vocal group of Negro pastors outlined a series of demands, placed them before the General Council, and won a remarkable victory.

The fall-out of this explosion will be measurable for years to come. Many details are impossible to prognosticate, but certainly it can be said that there is now a new American Baptist Convention.

Indeed, they gave every notice that numbers more were on the way. This is a new experience for American Baptists. In the past 55 years, (Continued on page 3)

## SBC Education Groups To Meet

GREENVILLE, S. C. — The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools will hold a four-day meeting at Furman University June 17-20, according to Dr. John A. Southern, chairman of the Education Commission and professor of chemistry at Furman, and Dr. Rabun L. Brantley of Nashville, Tennessee, executive secretary.

The 25 member Education Commission will meet first, beginning with an administrative committee meeting at 6:30 p. m. June 17. The 150-member Association will begin its meetings with the Commission at 7:30 p. m. June 18.

## TEXTBOOK LOAN LAW UPHOLD BY COURT

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court in a 6-3 decision upheld a New York law that provides loan of publicly approved textbooks to pupils in both public and parochial schools.

The majority opinion of the court, in *Board of Education v. Allen*, was delivered by Justice Byron R. White. It declared, "We hold that the law is not in violation of the Constitution."

Dissenting opinions were expressed by Justices Abe Fortas, Hugo L. Black and William O. Douglas.

The educational law of the state of New York requires local public school authorities to lend textbooks free of charge to all students in grades seven through 12. The books must be either those used in public schools or approved by boards of education.

The chief argument relied on by the court in its decision was made in a 1947 case (*Everson v. Board of Education*) in which payment from public funds for bus transportation to parochial schools was held to be constitutional.

The test as to whether or not a law violates separation of church and state, as stated in *Abington School District v. Schempp*, is: "What are the purpose and the primary effect of the enactment?"

Thus, if a law either advances or inhibits religion, it violates the First Amendment, according to the Supreme Court.

Admittedly, the court continued, "This test is not easy to apply."

The New York law, according to the majority of the court, neither advances or inhibits religion. Rather, the de-

cision said, "The law merely makes available to all children the benefits of a general program to lend school books free of charge."

The majority of the court concluded that "books are furnished at the request of the pupil and ownership remains, at least technically, in the state." "Thus," it said, "no funds or books are furnished to parochial schools, and the financial benefit is to parents and children, not to schools." Justice Fortas in his dissent declared that the majority ignored a vital aspect of the case. He pointed out that in fact "public funds are used to buy, for students in sectarian schools themselves."

Even though the child (Continued on page 5)

## Baptists In Spain Reject Registration

VALENIA, Spain — Representatives of the Spanish Evangelical Baptist Union, meeting in Valencia in late May, recommended that member churches and pastors abstain from registering with the Government as required under a new law.

"It is not wise to register under the present provisions of the law, because it does not provide the minimum requirements of the modern concept of religious liberty, and is not in accord with the spirit of Article VI of the Spanish charter of rights," the Baptists maintained in a statement of their position.

The vote was 82 not to register and 19 to register, with eight abstaining, according to the European Baptist Press Service.

The law in question, passed by the Spanish Cortes in June, 1967, provides that the state will guarantee free worship to officially recognized non-Catholic religious groups. However, recognition can be granted only when these groups organize as "confessional associations" and request registration with the Ministry of Justice. The deadline for registering was originally set for December 31, 1967, but was extended to May 31, 1968. (Continued on page 2)

## Monday Holiday Bill Opposed

NEW YORK — The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States has called upon the members of the United States Senate to defeat the Monday Holiday bill which was passed by the House of Representatives.

Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes of Merchantville, New Jersey, the Alliance's State and National Affairs Committee Chairman in opposing H. R. 15951 said,

"The churches have a mere 52 days in which to do the major part of their important work."

"We would urge you not to support this legislation that will work a hardship on the programs of the churches and temples of our land."



50 GILFOY NURSES CAPPED AT PARKWAY

Parkway Church, Jackson, was the setting of an impressive capping ceremony for fifty Gilfoyl School of Nursing students on June 9. The welcome was given by Michael Wilkins, assistant administrator of the Baptist Hospital. Miss Carolyn Webb, class sponsor, presented the class to Mrs. Mary Holyfield, assistant director of the school, for capping. Special music was rendered by Robert Cole. A reception was held in the church gymnasium following the ceremony.



Dr. Frank Voight  
Sunday School  
Week Planned  
At Gulfshore

The annual Sunday School Leadership Conference will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly June 24-28, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Sunday school director.

Dr. Frank Voight, Virginia Baptist Sunday school secretary, will lead the conferences for adults.

Bible study for adults will be led by Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, while Bible study for Juniors will be under direction of Mrs. Judd Allen, of Calvary Church in Jackson.

Assembly music will be led by Cecil Harper, minister of music of First Church in Jackson.

Earl Wascom, educational of First Church, Pascagoula, and Gulfshore recreation staffers, will lead intermediate activities.

Children's Building will be under direction of Miss Carolyn Madison of Sunday School Department staff.

Church Building Conferences will be directed by Ellis B. Evans, consultant in Church Architecture Department of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Age-group conferences as well as special interest conferences will also be featured, each to be under direction of an outstanding leader, several from out-of-state.

The program will begin Monday at 5:30 p. m. and adjourn Friday at noon.

## HMB Expands Church Loans

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's church loans operation has borrowed \$1 million from a Texas life insurance firm as the first step toward expanding its church loans portfolio by \$10 million.

The money was borrowed by the Home Mission Board's division of church loans under authority voted by the (Continued on page 2)







## Southern Baptist Work In West Germany

By J. Harold Stephens  
Pastor  
Temple, Hattiesburg

A ten day revival in the Rhein-Valley Southern Baptist Church of Walldorf, Germany does not qualify me to write a volume on West Germany or on Southern Baptist work there, but I am presuming to write about some observations, experiences and impressions.

I wish to begin with a few words about the Rhein Valley Baptist Church. This is an English speaking church organized by a group of Southern Baptist men and women and children stationed at the Rhein-Main Air Force Base adjacent to the city of Walldorf, West Germany, which is a suburb of Frankfurt. The present pastor of the church is Rev. Marvin Taylor, who is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute of Graceville, Florida. Bro. Taylor also attended William Carey College, Hattiesburg, during which time he pastored the Mt. Hope Church of Covington County, Mississippi, with which Baptist Association the Rhein Valley Baptist Church is affiliated in the States. Taylor is also a retiree from a twenty-year career in the Navy. From his background of experiences with the military he is well qualified to minister to men in the Armed Forces.

The Rhein Valley Baptist Church has more than 200 members and averages about 130 in Sunday school. The church is well organized and functioning with a Training Union, a Baptist Men's Organization, with Royal Ambassadors, Womens' Missionary Union with the children's auxiliaries. The church has a good music program with a minister of music, Don Lawson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, also located at the Air Force Base. The church has received more than 115 members during Taylor's pastorage of 10 months.

In addition to many professions of faith and additions to the church by baptism and by letter in the recent revival there were also many who rededicated their lives to Christ, and two young men publicly announced that God was calling them to the Gospel ministry. One of these young men was Ronnie Halmontaler who was saved in Okinawa and hopes to enroll in a Baptist college upon his return to the states. The other man who surrendered to the ministry was L. D. Golike. He hopes to attend Baptist Bible Institute of Graceville, Florida.

The church meets in a rented hall that is quite spacious and adequate for a graded Sunday school through the work of the men erecting temporary partitions and doing some painting.

Baptist chaplains with the Armed Forces have also made significant contributions to the work of Southern Baptists in West Germany. Air Force Chaplain J. L. Holly who has been stationed at the Rhein-Main Air Force Base for the last three years is a member of the Rhein Valley Baptist Church, along with his family. He has been especially helpful in the work of the church, and invited me to preach at his regular 9:00 a. m., Sunday morning service at the Base. Chaplain Jolly is a native of Grenada, Mississippi, and his wife is the daughter of Mrs. Kate Smiley of Jackson. Other Mississippians in the Rhein Valley Baptist Church are Charles Hill of near Louisville, and Mr. McCain of Clarksdale.

While in the revival in Walldorf I had the opportunity of witnessing to many of the servicemen and others from the states in their apartments, on the base, and in the hospitals. There are two large Government hospitals serving the men and their families; one at Wiesbaden and the 97th General Army Hospital in Frankfurt, as well as a large clinic and infirmary on the Base. These hospitals are filled with patients from the states, some who have been injured in various ways, others with the normal cases of illness and surgery, others in the maternity ward, and many who have emotional problems that may stem from problems of maladjustment.

There are 27 other English-speaking Baptist churches in West Germany that have been started largely through the voluntary efforts of dedicated men and their families who are connected with various branches of the military for the usual assignments of a

three-year period before rotation. Of course, the rotation plan creates many problems so far as the continuity and stability of the work is concerned. For example, about 80% of the members of the Rhein Valley Baptist Church will be rotating within the next 3 months, and much work is required to enlist the newcomers among Southern Baptists as well as reaching the lost.

I found in the Rhein Valley Baptist Church some of the most dedicated, enthusiastic and capable Christians with whom I have ever worked. I found a high caliber of men and women teaching Sunday school classes, and sat in on some of the best prepared Training Union programs to which I have ever listened, on the Sundays there. The mem-

bers of this church would be a credit to any church anywhere.

Many of the German-speaking Baptist churches participated in March in a simultaneous revival crusade known as the Rhein-Ruhr Crusade. In this crusade Miss Kathleen Roberts, the lovely daughter of W. R. Roberts, representative of the Annuity Board in Mississippi, made herself available as soloist. She is currently completing a three-year tour of Europe as an opera singer, and her participation in the crusade gave prestige to the Baptist work. She is living in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and after a summer vacation, plans to return to Europe to resume her opera career. She has signed a twelve-month contract with the Opera House in Darmstadt, Germany.

I had an opportunity to go to both West and East Berlin, and to witness to some in East Berlin. The East Berliners seem to be trained to receive Americans and other tourists with a smile.



Rev. J. M. Metts, Jr.

### 1st, Indianola Calls Pastor

Rev. James M. Metts, Jr. has accepted the call to the pastorage of First Church, Indianola.

A native of Winona, he graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He is a United States Air Force veteran.

He served as President of the Ministerial Association in Wiggins for five years and in West Point for one year. He is active in associational work—having served as moderator and vice-moderator, and Sunday school representative. Presently, he is a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and was on the State Committee—Time, Place and Preacher.

Other pastorates he has held include Fair River, Lincoln County; Calvary, West Point; First, Wiggins; his last pastorage being First, Florence.

He is married to the former Martha Ahlrich, also a native of Winona. They are the parents of Kathy 13, and Jed 9.

## MC TO OFFER MASTER'S DEGREE IN RELIGION

A new graduate program leading toward the master of arts degree in religion has been initiated at Mississippi College, according to Dr. J. W. Lee, dean of the graduate school, and Dr. W. W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion.

The new degree granting program will begin in September with limited offerings, with additional classes to be added later.

In announcing the program, Dr. Lee and Stevens said that under the religion curriculum a student would have to take 30 hours of graduate

work in religion, comprising twenty-four semester hours of course work, plus a thesis, which would carry six semester hours. The study would be distributed among the departments of Bible, religious education, and philosophy.

A student working toward the M. A. in religion would be required to take eighteen semester hours, including six semester hours of thesis, in one of the three departments. Six semester hours in each of the remaining two departments would also be required.

In order to be admitted to the graduate program in religion, a student must have had fifteen semester hours of undergraduate work, or its equivalent, in one or more of the three departments. He must also meet entrance requirements of the college and other general requirements for all M. A. aspirants.

"We know it is only through the Cooperative Program that we are sent and maintained in the Lord's work here. It is, of course, the very backbone and strength of the financial part of God's work,"—Mrs. Gene Legg, missionary to Nigeria

## CRUSADE OF AMERICAS

### Deepening Of Spiritual Life Said To Be Universal Need

By L. Gordon Sansing  
Director of Evangelism  
What can we do to help in the Crusade of the Americas? Several have asked this question. Thank God for the interest! The answer is contained in the Call declaration setting forth the aims of the Crusade.

They are: (1) To lead to a deepening of spiritual life of Christians, (2) The evangelization of the Americas, and (3) To establish true moral and spiritual basis for the betterment of mankind's welfare.

Spiritual deepening is a universal need. Bible study is a must in this deepening experience. As good nourishing food strengthens the body, so a good steady diet of the good Word of God will strengthen the spiritual life of the Christian.

Prayer is another must. Earnest prayer for a spiritual awakening, for the lost of this hemisphere, for the leaders in government—the list could go on. We need the fire of God to fall upon us. Join in PACT and be a partner in hemispheric intercession and undergirding.

Personal witnessing is a must. One of the most effective means of spiritual deepening is personal witnessing. This is every Christian's job. Not an easy, but a rewarding job. It is a job that demands spiritual perception and dedication. It takes time, but time well spent.

Christians, and particularly Baptists, should be vitally

concerned about the welfare of people. Not as a means of political support but as a means of ministering and opening doors to minister to spiritual needs. Our churches are to render a spiritual ministry. Whatever the spiritual need, we ought to attempt to meet that need.

These are some of the things we can do now!



REV. DON HENDERSON, pastor, Trinity Church, Vicksburg, reports a very successful stewardship program. The budget was exceeded by \$112.00 during the month of March. This was \$242.60 above any five Sunday month last year. During the month of April the total offering was \$400.00 more than any month last year.

### AT N. O. 31 From State Earn Degrees

Five graduate degrees were among 31 degrees awarded to students from Mississippi during commencement exercises May 17, at New Orleans Seminary. They are among 8000 alumni of the New Orleans Seminary now serving in the United States and 70 foreign countries. Nearly 800 are enrolled in the seminary's three schools. The seminary is celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary this year. Receiving degrees, but not pictured, are Marian Carol McIntyre, Greenville graduate degree, Specialist in Education; Oscar Evon Ingram, Magee, ThM, Honors Program; Sarah Janet Abernathy, Foxworth, MRE; and Edward Eicher Spruill, Grenada, MRE.

such organizations as Southern Christian Leadership Conference, OIC, and other organizations which provide self help for black and other poor people.

12. We demand that the Convention nominate and elect a qualified black churchman for president.

To these sharp demands, the General Council gave strict attention. Both the Council itself, and more especially its executive committee, studied the manifesto in detail. There were long conferences with the chairman of the Negro group. Finally, a decision, labeled as unanimous, was reached and reported to the Convention by the General Council. Again, space limitations here do not permit its inclusion, but, in essence, the Council granted every demand which was in its power to do.

"Some get a thrill out of giving money to help a particular missionary or a project on a certain field. But how I thank God that Southern Baptists have come to realize that they can get a greater thrill from giving tithes and offerings to the church and then sending the money out through the Cooperative Program so that it helps each of their missionaries in every project on every field."—Mary Brooner, missionary to Southern Rhodesia



### Many Demands - -

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they have seen the exit of the mid-western block of Southern Baptists, the Regular Baptists, the Swedish Baptists, the German Baptists, and the Conservative Baptists.

All of these exits have been painful and some, stormy. But to have the doors rushed by those trying to enter, ah, that's a new experience! There is, perforce, a new Convention.

It was no new thing that the American Baptists faced in the race question, but it was new for the Convention to be charged with racism itself. Few national religious bodies have been as open to the Negro as have the Baptists of the North.

They have planted educational institutions for Negroes throughout the South. They have long had Negro churches in their fellowship. Negroes have sat on boards and committees of the Convention at local, state, and national levels for more than a generation. Integrated church memberships have been too common to note. Apparently, however, racial matters have not moved far enough nor fast enough.

Quite sometime prior to the opening of the sessions, some of the Negro pastors affiliated with the ABC (most were dually aligned with the National Baptists or the Progressive Baptists), decided to make a power play at Boston. Allied with them were some Negroes who were neither clergymen nor Baptists, but were active militants in the Boston area.

Meeting in caucus on Tuesday and Wednesday before the Convention, they prepared a manifesto containing 12 demands and presented it to the General Council. While limited space in this newsletter precludes listing all of these, the following are cited as examples:

1. We demand that all appointments to committees, boards, commissions be cleared with the officers of the Black American Baptist Churchmen.

7. We demand that adequate financial support be given

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### The Denomination Is Free

By Joe T. Odle

(This message was delivered at the Pastors' Conference in Houston, June 4, 1968)

How thrilling is the word freedom. No word has more meaning for Southern Baptists. It is a principle given to Christians by the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Souls are free; churches are free; institutions are free! These are the declarations you have just heard. Let me add another. As Baptists organize and use them, denominations are free. No hierarchy controls them. No group restricts them. No alliance hampers them. No power limits them.

This is true of the smallest denominational unit, the association, and also of the larger units all the way up to the Baptist World Alliance itself. Only the messengers from the churches, who make up these organizations, have the power to control them.

Of course, this freedom is under God, for all of us are servants of God, bondslaves of Jesus Christ, and our liberties are prescribed within that glorious scope.

Our fathers who launched the Baptist denominational organizations, and have led in their development through the years, made sure that nothing was done to limit freedom. This is freedom both for the churches and for the denominational fellowships themselves.

No group, other than the messengers, can control or speak for the denomination. Under Baptist organization the denominational unit speaks for itself, delegates authority only as it will, and makes no effort to exercise authority over others. As Dr. J. B. Gambrell said in his famous reply to the proponents of Southern Baptist participation in early ecumenical movements, "Baptists never ride a horse without a bridle." In other words, they keep control.

The denomination is free to set its own requirements for membership in its fellowship.

#### Freedom of Witness

It is free to define its work, set up its program, and establish its institutions.

It is free to send missionaries, establish missions, organize churches, and preach the gospel anywhere in the world, without limitation by ecumenical restrictions, hierarchic objections or comity agreements other

than those in which it voluntarily enters.

In its freedom it can fellowship, in true spiritual unity, others who are seeking to carry out the commission of Jesus Christ, and to do His will in kingdom affairs. Southern Baptists always have done this and continue to do it today. Throughout its history the Southern Baptist Convention and its cooperating churches have worked with other Christians and Christian groups in evangelism; moral uplift, religious liberty, and in other areas. Always this fellowship has been without restrictions and limitations other than those set by the Bible itself.

It is the hope of many within the Southern Baptist Convention that it shall never enter into anything broader than this spiritual fellowship and unity. It is their conviction that this is the only scriptural unity, and that there can be no participation in organic ecumenical relationships without relinquishing some of our freedom and compromising our witness.

Some Southern Baptists believe that the convention should become a participant in such ecumenical organizations as the National Council of Churches or the World Council. But could we become a part of these organizations without giving up some of our freedom? Could we continue to give the clear Baptist witness which is given today?

If Southern Baptists were members of these bodies, there is no possible way that they could separate themselves from the pronouncements and actions of these bodies, or their committees, no matter how distasteful they might be to the majority of our people.

#### Staying in Main Stream

By refusing to cooperate organically in modern ecumenical movements Southern Baptists do not relegate themselves to the position of a small sectarian group. They are not leaving the main stream of Christianity. They are staying right in the center of the New Testament Christianity where they always have been. One may ask if it is not others who have left the main stream of Christianity by abandoning the New Testament authority and message. Southern Baptists still stand as a mighty Christian force in this nation and the world, and their witness will be even greater as they yield themselves more completely to the Holy Spirit's leadership.

Actually, the effort to develop great spiritual power and influence through ecumenical union of various Christian groups, does not appear to be accomplishing the results promised by its proponents. It seems to be having very little effect on American life. In an editorial essay in its April 12 issue, Time Magazine said, "In the U. S. . . the impact of Christianity appears to be on the wane." If this is true, and apparently it is true, then all of the efforts of the ecumenists appear to be having little effect. They have cried that the churches must get together if they are to reach Amer-

ican life. But are they reaching Americans? A careful study might reveal that the decline in the influence of the church as an institution in America began about the time that a liberal theology and ecumenical proposals were starting their march.

#### World Needs Witness

This nation, and the whole world, does need to be touched by Christian witness more than ever before in history. But what kind of Christian witness is receiving attention? The effectiveness of such men as Billy Graham, and the amazing growth of special evangelism-oriented groups, give evidence that the message of Christ now most effective in reaching Americans is that which is New Testament centered and Christ centered. It is not the ecumenical churches that are crowded today, but those with an evangelical fervor.

This is where Southern Baptists have stood, and are standing. It is where they must continue to stand if they are to make an impact upon America and the world. Their effectiveness during preceding generations, which has brought our convention to its present strength, was made on this basis.

Southern Baptists are free to join all other Christian groups in a great spiritual unity in such a program. This is the unity for which the Lord prayed.

Suppose those who are entering into the organic unity programs sneer at Southern Baptists or ridicule them for taking such a stand? Suppose they seek to relegate us to a place as a despised minority?

The recent Time essay said that "It is conceivable that Christianity is heading toward an era in which its status will be akin to the despised minority who proclaimed faith in God against the idolatry of the Roman empire." Time concluded, "It may be a perilous course, but the opportunity is great; the courage and zeal of that despised minority changed the history of the world."

Time was not speaking of a denomination, but a denomination which refuses to enter the ecumenical stream, might be classified as such.

May Southern Baptists in their freedom, be perfectly willing to accept that place.

May they never relinquish their freedom to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to lost men everywhere.

May they ever guard the right to enlist their resources to send a mighty army of dedicated witnesses for Christ to the very ends of the earth.

May they continue to walk with and work with those who love the Lord Jesus Christ and preach his message and live his life.

Free souls, free churches, free institutions and a free denomination!

This is God's answer, and the Baptist answer, to the regimentation and conformity of the present world religious system.



Is it too much to ask automakers to stand behind their claims? Detroit's automakers are growing more and more unhappy with their generous 5-and-0 (five years or 50,000 miles) warranty on new cars. The manufacturers say that warranty costs are now running to \$750 million a year. Dealers also complain that warranty work is choking their service departments. At the same time, the Johnson Administration is pressing all consumer manufacturers to make warranties less complicated and less loopholed. The outlook is that Detroit may gradually phase out the 5-and-0 and replace it with a flat 24-month or 24,000-mile guarantee on all parts. (Newsweek 5-27-68)

Washington, D. C., showmen and restaurateurs say that D. C. now stands for "depressed country." This refers to what one visitor senses as "a fraught atmosphere" caused by the current Poor Peoples' March, which has produced a social downbeat in Washington unmatched in memory. Normally, springtime in Washington brings a flood of tourists. But reports via transport outfits, hotels, etc., indicate that the citizenry have cancelled out in force. Restaurants, film houses, and theaters are feeling the impact. Some observers blame not the Poor People encampment, but rather certain officials and lawmakers for spreading alarms. (Variety 5-15-68)

## Churches Enter Prayer Pact

Hillcrest Church, New Albany, has entered into a prayer pact with the Ponce Baptist Church of Ponce, Puerto Rico, in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas. An unusual feature of this pact is that the Hillcrest pastor, Rev. C. Wayne Neal, has also served as pastor of the Ponce Baptist Church in 1961, for the Home Mission Board.

He says, "The church means much to me as it was my first one to pastor, and while there God showed me clearly He wanted me to minister in the United States after seminary training. Between my first and second years of Southwestern, 1961, I had been interested in seeking the Lord's will concerning foreign missions, specifically in the area of Latin America. Ironically, while I was involved in work in Puerto Rico, God definitely showed me it would eventually be in the United States where I would serve Him. So the prayer pact we now have with the Southern Baptist Church of Ponce, Puerto Rico, has a rich and unique meaning for me, and I think our church people as well."

Rev. S. A. Candal, present pastor of the Ponce Church, has written Mr. Neal: "We appreciate so much the willingness of the church to enter into a pact of prayer in behalf of the Crusade of the Americas. . . . We shall be happy to join you in this pact."

"As yet we have not secured preachers for our services in 1969. We need to invite two, because we will have services at one time in English, and at another time in Spanish. You see, we have two congregations now and we serve both. I feel sure the Lord will provide the two whom He wants for our group. Since your last visit, there have been some changes; first of all those whom you knew have transferred or moved away. Also we have our own Puerto Rico Baptist Association, no longer being affiliated with the Florida Baptist Convention.

"We have five organized churches and 18 missions on the island. We are still renting the facilities at 101 Comercio St. but we hope some time very soon to purchase our own property with the help of the Home Mission Board, and then to build before the year is out."

For the 1969 Crusade of the Americas at Hillcrest Church, Rev. Norman S. Deaton of

### WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?



## Newest In Books

**NATURE STORIES FOR CHILDREN** by Vera Hutchcroft (Baker, paperback, 95 pp.)

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First, Sheffield, Alabama (former pastor of Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain) and will be the evangelistic team, Rev. Bill Peacock, present pastor of Lowrey Memorial,

**FINDING MEANING IN THE BEATITUDES** by John A. Redmond (Abingdon, 100 pp., \$2.50)

Messages on the opening words of our Lord's sermon on the mount, by a well known North Carolina Presbyterian minister. The preacher interprets each of the beatitudes, and then makes application of it to modern Christian life. The book is rich in practical illustration and application.

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This is a book for "teenagers who feel that their parents don't understand them, for teenagers whose parents are getting them down, for teenagers who want a chance to grow up." It is both humorous and practical.

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An interesting and thought-provoking study of the story of Jonah, translated from the Dutch by Harry Van Dyke. Emphasizes the universality of Jonah's experience, exploring the meaning of this story for every man.

## LUKEWARM CHURCHES

Dear Dr. Odle:

One Sunday I came home from church 'sick at heart' and sat down and started this poem. The pastor of the church I was attending at that time was a big sports fan. He spent a big part of his time in the pulpit talking on sports, or using a ball player in giving illustrations. Sometimes his sermons turned out to be 'sex lectures.'

Anyway, I had not heard a real sermon in so long I was thirsting for a good 'old-time' sermon. But Sunday after Sunday I would go home still 'hungry' for the 'spiritual food' I went to church for. I believe the Lord led me to write this poem, because so many churches are growing cold!

Did I go to church today? I pondered.

Or was it just a social call? Only for the proud and haughty people

Dressed as if going to a ball. The pastor and the congregation. All seemed to be in one accord. And that, the world and all its pleasures. And not for our precious loving Lord. The preacher talked on sports, and games. And let the jokes fall free; He got the chuckles from the crowd. And I supposed he got his fee. Where are the preachers of long ago? That preached of a Saviour's love? That could even bring tears to sinners' eyes. When they talked of a heaven above. Awaken, pastors, to lukewarm churches! It's time to heed the clarion call: You have cold members, instead of Christians. Trying to be great, when you are small. Remember the church in Revelation, And the Lord outside because of sin; He hates worldliness, and abomination. Cleanse your hearts, and lay aside him in: Behold, he stands at the door knocking. Our precious Saviour, yours and mine; He left heaven and all its glories. To die on the cross for all mankind. I went to church seeking spiritual food, To pray, and fellowship with others; I saw more cool, and lofty looks. Than Christlike sisters and brothers. The Lord cares not for your title, or dress. It is the Spirit inside that counts. Will you measure up to His Golden Rule? Or will you be counted out? —Name Withheld

## Resolution Pays Tribute To Mrs. W. A. Hewitt

First Church, Jackson, has adopted a resolution of tribute to Mrs. W. A. Hewitt, who died on February 23, 1968. Mrs. Hewitt had been an outstanding citizen of Jackson since moving to the city in 1918, when her husband became pastor of First Baptist Church.

The resolution stated that "she gave herself without reservation to so many and varied causes, and manifested such a diversity of talent; she made friends of all who knew her, both by her friendly manner and her acts of kindness and love. Some of her more prominent characteristics were devotion, unselfishness, sympathy, hospitality, friendliness, and love. She was a gracious woman of rare refinement and culture, possessing a keen mind and ready wit. She had an uncanny way of organizing units of church work, getting them well started, and then slipping out of the picture herself and leading another to take over, thus developing leadership qualities in others.

"She was never too busy to help anyone — child, friend, stranger. The welcome mat at the Hewitt home was always on the outside, and no one who entered ever felt a stranger. Madame, as she was affectionately called by one and all, joined with her Pastor — Husband to make a team that left an indelible imprint

for good upon the entire community of which they were such a vital part. Also, hers was the ability to draw out the best in people, and make even the least capable feel that he or she was really 'Somebody.' Another facet of her life and work was that of going with her Pastor — Husband to visit the sick, needy, newcomer, down-hearted. Many hearts have been helped, cheered, blessed, and encouraged by this glorious ministry. Also, she was a wonderful counselor, especially to girls who needed help of this kind. They felt free to talk to her about their innermost needs, knowing that Madame would never betray their confidences.

"She spoke of the good things about people and not the bad things. Those who knew her best, some who actually lived in her home for a time, are those who praise her the highest. Another tribute of praise to this refined and cultured lady is in the excellent family she and Dr. Hewitt produced. The five children, whose exemplary lives have been and are a living memorial to this beloved couple, add yet another jewel to her crown. Yes, Madame Hewitt was one 'Who could walk with kings and not lose the common touch.' It can well be said that 'None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise.'"

The dangers of overpopulation are not limited to the impoverished and undeveloped nations. "Right here at home," says Joseph J. Spengler, Professor of Economics at Duke University, "we are gravely imperiling our children's future happiness and welfare. There are now more than 200 million people in our country. And if today's young couples and those men and women just growing to adulthood average three children per couple, our population will double in about fifty years." The professor questions, "Will there be enough hospitals, jobs, places to live, enough food and water. . . ?" (Parents, 4-68)

## Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

June 24 — Mary Farrell Kee, Clarke College faculty; William West, Yalobusha associational Sunday school supt.

June 24 — Mrs. Murry Alexander, WMU vice-president, District VII; Mrs. Evelyn Gordon, staff, Gilfoy School of Nursing

June 26 — Paul Moore, Jones County Training Union director; Virgil Ratcliff, Leake County supt. of missions.

June 27 — George Mills, Carey College faculty; Charles Matthews, Blue Mountain faculty.

June 28 — N. F. Greer, Baptist Building; Ralph Winders, Baptist Building; Mrs. Veta Thompson, Baptist Building.

June 29 — Genevieve Walker, Baptist Book Store; Iva Clotie Jones, staff, Children's Village.

June 30 — J. W. Lee, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. Sue Lipsey, Mississippi College faculty.

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## Textbook Loan - - -

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makes the request for the textbooks, neither he nor the public authorities have a voice in their selection, other than approval by the school board, Fortas continued.

Thus, he said, "This statute calls for furnishing special, separate, and particular books, specially, separately, and particularly chosen by religious sects or their representatives for use in their sectarian schools."

### Justice Caustic

Justice Black was most caustic in his dissent. He charged that the law upheld by the majority "is a flat, flagrant, open violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments which together forbid Congress or state legislatures to enact any law 'respecting an establishment of religion.'"

He said that although the New York law does not yet formally establish a state religion, "it takes a great stride in that direction and coming events cast their shadows before them."

Black charged, "The same powerful sectarian religious propagandists who have succeeded in securing passage of the present law to help religious schools carry on their sectarian religious purposes can and doubtless will continue their propaganda, looking toward complete domination and supremacy of their particular brand of religion."

## Calvary, Pascagoula To Break Ground For New Auditorium

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held at Pascagoula's Calvary Church June 23 for a new 1,000 seat auditorium as part of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the church.

Originally there were two churches, Lincoln Avenue and Second, but as a result of their vote to unite, the action was completed in June of 1943 and formed into the Watts Memorial Church.

The name, Watts Memorial Church, was given in honor of Dr. J. Wash Watts of New Orleans Seminary. His son, Rev. John D. W. Watts, was instrumental in the merger and was ordained at the request of the Pascagoula Church.

Rev. Jeff Brantley was called as pastor of Watts Memorial and Rev. John D. W. Watts was called as associate pastor on a temporary basis since he was going into the chaplaincy in a short time.

Rev. M. S. Varnado was later called as pastor and served for some twelve years. During the early part of his ministry the name was changed to comply with the wishes of Dr. J. Wash Watts who believed that a church should not be named after a person while he was still living and thus the name selected was Calvary.

The church has grown from a humble beginning until today there is a membership of 1150. The property will be paid for in full in the next few weeks. The new facilities will cost around \$300,000 and plans are to raise \$100,000 of this through special gifts within the membership which will be paid over a three-year period.

Dinner on the ground will be served Sunday and the groundbreaking service will be held just before the presentation of "God's Trombones" by the Sanctuary Choir of the church at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor, said, "we expect a large number of former members from throughout Mississippi and surrounding states to return for this most significant day."

I grew up in the country in a house high on a hill. We had air conditioning in those days! On cold winter mornings, I had to build fires. (Dad always went to bed when the rest of us wanted to stay up and got up when we wanted to stay in bed.) I started my fire with kindling wood. I did not try to set the backlog ablaze first. We have been trying to kindle revival fires with a backlog of unconverted and undedicated church members. We need to begin with our kindling wood—men and women and young people who are available, inflammable, expendable. Some may feel that they are too small and weak, but forest fires often begin with only a spark. God can start a big fire with a little kindling wood.—Vance Havner in WHY NOT JUST BE CHRISTIANS? (Fleming H. Revell Company)



## A God-Fearing Father

A God-fearing father is a child's greatest inheritance. "Thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children and peace upon Israel." (Psalm 128:4, 6) Home Board Photo.

## 700 Profess Faith In Christ During Rallies In Indonesia

**DJAKARTA, INDONESIA**—Seven hundred persons professed faith in Christ in three stadium rallies which concluded the four-week "Total Evangelism, Indonesia" campaign of U. S. Evangelist John Edmund Hagglag here (May 19). Final night attendance was 8,000.

About 60 churches in the Djakarta area cooperated in the campaign by scheduling speakers from the Hagglag party of 47 U. S. churchmen. Full-scale revival meetings were held in 28 of these. There were

24 ministers and 23 laymen and women in the Hagglag party. The ministers preached, and the laymen and women gave their Christian testimonies.

Nightly attendance during the 10-day simultaneous revival phase of the project totalled about 10,000 per night. There were hundreds of decisions for Christ each night in the participating churches.

More than 200 Indonesian Christians completed the seminar on Christian witnessing held during the first two weeks



**REV. STAN HUNTLEY**, who has just resigned the pastorate of First Church, Knobel, Arkansas, to transfer to Mississippi College, is available for pastorate or for supply preaching. An Oklahoman, he was ordained by the church at Knobel. He graduated from Southern Baptist Junior College in Arkansas and will be a junior at MC in the fall. He and Mrs. Huntley, the former Brenda White of Arkansas, are living at Apt. 9-A, Fairmount Apts., Clinton 39056 (phone 924-7254).

## Main Street, Hattiesburg Calls Minister Of Music

On June 1, Talmadge Butler became minister of music, and Mrs. Butler church organist, at Main Street, Hattiesburg, Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor.

Native of Dothan, Alabama, Mr. Butler attended Howard College. While in the U. S. Air Force he graduated from Sacramento State College, Sacramento, California. At New Orleans Seminary, where he graduated with a Master of Church Music degree, he was graduate assistant to the graded choir professor.

He has served as minister of music at 10th Avenue, Birmingham; First Church, Fairfield, Ala.; Grace Memorial, Gulfport; First Church, North Highlands, California; Gulf Gardens, Gulfport; Immanuel, Lafayette, La.; and since 1961, at Cottage Hill, Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. Butler, a native of Epps, La., graduated from Louisiana College, and has taught in junior and senior high school. She attended New Orleans Seminary, where she studied organ and taught piano. At Cottage Hill she was organist, primary choir director, and piano teacher.

Mr. Butler has served on the faculty for music week at Ridgecrest Assembly, and also at state music assemblies. He writes music materials for the Church Musician and Children's Music Leader.

He has served as choral clinician of state junior choir festivals for Georgia State Convention. In 1962 he toured Europe with the North Carolina Singers. In 1967, he led music for revival meetings in Japan.

At Cottage Hill Church, he had an enrollment of 1100 in his choir programs which included 17 choirs, one orchestra, three ensembles, two handbell choirs, touring choir, five kindergarten groups and four Cottage Hill Baptist School Chords.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler have

two children, David Randall, 5, and Tamera Ruth, 3.

During the past year Dallas Rayborn, member of Main Street Church, has served as interim minister of music. Mrs. Rayborn has served as interim church organist. For the last year and one-half, Mrs. Rayborn has also served as choir coordinator for the elementary choirs.



**THE BUTLERS** (from left to right): David Randall, Mr. Butler, Tamera Ruth, Mrs. Butler.

## Miss Mississippi



**Joan Myers**

Miss Mississippi, Joan Myers, is Special Guest at both Youth Music Weeks, Gulfshores.

Miss Myers will appear on Thursday night, June 20, 9 p. m., and again on Thursday night, July 11.



## Mississippians Help Build Apache Mission In Arizona

As a result of an article in the Baptist Record some time ago about San Carlos Baptist Mission, San Carlos, Arizona, the mission has received \$700. Mississippians had sent \$1500 earlier. So reports Pastor Charles E. Bush, 1102 W. Lynwood, Phoenix, Arizona, former Mississippian. Members of the mission are Apache Indians. "All at San Carlos are grateful," writes Bush. "We have the foundation, floor, walls, and windows completed. (See above photo.) Trusses, roof, and doors need to be placed in the next two weeks. June 10 will be a crucial date, bills due. The Lord has opened so many doors and we know every need will be met. This has been an experience beyond words. Blessings have overshadowed problems daily. There are indications our Lord is going to move in a special way among the Apaches. Thanks to all Mississippians for helping establish Baptist work among these needy people."

## Representatives For Press Named For Assemblies

**NASHVILLE (BP)**—Press representatives for Southern Baptists' two assemblies have been selected. Judy Ries will serve at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly and Louis Moore at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

Selected by the office of public relations, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the press representatives will report on conferences and speakers and will work closely with local radio and television stations.

Miss Ries, a native of Memphis, is a second-year religious education student at Southern Seminary, Louisville. A graduate of southwestern at Memphis College, she plans to complete requirements for the master of religious education and graduate specialist in religious education degrees at Southern Seminary in 1969.

Moore, who will be graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., in June, plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall. A resident of Oklahoma City, Okla., he has been employed as staff writer for the Baylor "Lariat," the school newspaper, while in college.



## HAZLEHURST T. U. EARNS ADVANCED RECOGNITION

**LEFT TO RIGHT ARE** associate pastor, Rev. George E. Meadows; Training Union Director, Mrs. Lynn Beall, and pastor, Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, all of First Church, Hazlehurst. First, Hazlehurst became a member of "Mississippi's Magnificent Minority" in the fall when they earned Merit Recognition by the use of the Training Union Achievement Guide. Now they have gone one step further and have just received Advanced Recognition.

## Revival Dates

**First, Calhoun City:** June 23-28; services at 10 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.; evangelist: Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.; singer: Vernon Polk, Minister of Music, First Church, Grenada. Rev. Bill R. Baker, pastor.

**Mt. Nebo (Newton):** June 23-28; Rev. Ivor Clark, West Kemper Church, evangelist; Ricky Munn, minister of music at Collinsville Church, song leader; Rev. Lewis Byram, pastor; services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**New Zion (Scott):** June 23-28; Rev. Elvin Fairchild, evangelist; Rev. Lendell Ainsworth, pastor; lunch at the church Sunday, June 23; services at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Sunday; weekdays, evenings only, at 7.

**Union Church, Sardis:** June 23-30; Rev. Dennis Turner, pastor, evangelist; Larry Nelson, Minister of Music and Education, Cherry Ridge Church, Bastrop, La., music leader.

**Bethesda (Hinds):** June 23-28; Dr. E. R. Pinson, Clinton, evangelist; Kenneth Hodges, pastor; services Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; services daily at 7:30 p. m.

**Elaine, Jackson:** June 23-28; open-air revival at corner of Northside Drive and Boling Street; Rev. Jim Shanahan, pastor, evangelist; Eddie Hebert, minister of music at Van Winkle, song leader; services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; weekday services at 7:30 p. m.

**DeKalb Church:** June 16-21; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; 11 a. m. on Sunday; Rev. Don R. Cooper, pastor of First Church, Crawfordville, Arkansas, and son of Rev. and Mrs. Lynton Cooper of DeKalb, evangelist.

**Military Church, Sumrall:** June 23-28; Rev. Giles Hankins, pastor at Mize, evangelist; A. C. Sumrall, song leader; Janice Sumrall and Nancy Evans, pianists; Rev. Herman McAlpin, pastor.

**Oakdale:** June 23-28; services at 9 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Rev. Paul Ragland, Myrtle, evangelist; George Myers, song leader; Rev. Charles Bouey, pastor.



**TO VIETNAM**—Miss Sharon McCullough (right) of Blytheville, Ark., is going to Vietnam as a Red Cross recreational aid. The Blue Mountain College senior is talking over plans with her major advisor Miss Johnnie Armstrong, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education at BMC.

## BMC GRAD TO WORK WITH RED CROSS IN VIETNAM

Sharon McCullough is a dark-haired college senior. She had planned to start a career—maybe teaching—after graduation. But she's postponed the career to go to Vietnam.

On a one-year assignment with the Red Cross, she will be a recreational aid. Her job will be to lead American servicemen in leisure activities.

"I want to try to help make it more livable," said the pert Blue Mountain College student. "If soldiers can fight, the least I can do is help in anyway I can. It may not be much, but I'll be there."

Her work will take her off military bases into sometimes dangerous and remote areas. But it isn't the bullets that scare her.

"The thought of the insects, rats, and other pests actually worry me a lot more than getting caught in a battle," Miss McCullough confided. "And I'm kind of afraid of the unknown."

Miss McCullough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirkland of Blytheville, Ark., were shocked when she told them

her plans. They finally agreed to the idea, "if it was what she wanted."

Friends had mixed reactions.

"Many can't believe I'm going and say I'm crazy," she surmised. "Others say they admire me for it but don't want any part of going."

"I always tell them that I think you can be happy anywhere and I'll just try to make the most of things," she said.



**TEMPLE CALLS MINISTER OF MUSIC**—Temple Church, Jackson has called Jerry Norman as part-time minister of music. A native of Canton, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Morris Norman and a sophomore at Mississippi College. Rev. Howard Scarborough is pastor.



## FIRST, MARKS CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Wilbur B. Webb has resigned as pastor of Ruleville Church to accept the call of First Church, Marks, effective June 9.

There have been 228 additions to the Ruleville Church with 132 by baptism during Webb's pastorate. The valuation of church property has grown from \$145,000 in July, 1962, to \$405,000 today. A new sanctuary, office, and educational building have been constructed at a cost of \$225,000, and the church debt has been reduced to \$21,000. There has been a sixty percent increase in mission giving.

Mr. Webb is from Brandon, a graduate of Mississippi College, B. D. degree from Southern Seminary, and completed resident work on the Th. M. degree in psychology of religion and pastoral care. He has held student pastorates in Mississippi and pastored nine years in Kentucky before returning to Mississippi. He served three years on the State Executive Committee of Kentucky, is moderator of Sunflower Association, and a member of the Holding Board, Delta Division of Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Webb, the former Bonnie Adams, have three sons, Douglas, Robin, and Larry.



## ANNIE ARMSTRONG GIFT REACH TOTAL OF \$218,561.65

The Home Mission (Annie Armstrong) Week of Prayer Gifts have reached a total of \$218,561.65 through April 30 with 1028 churches participating.

## DISTRICT 1

George	50.00
Agriola	167.85
Barton	205.93
Forest Hill	15.00
Hillcrest	32.50
Lucedale	780.53
First	273.23
Rocky Creek	
Greene	
Cedar Grove	51.02
County Line	10.80
Fellowship	27.00
Johnston Creek	14.15
Leaksville	274.25
McLain	81.00
New Hope	37.67
Pine Level	28.00
Sand Hill	25.00
Unity	25.30
Washington	26.40
West Salem	54.00
Gulfcoast	
Bayview	5.00
Bay Vista	172.93
Bay St. Louis	180.88
Biloxi	
Beach Boulevard	40.00
Big Ridge	167.85
Diberville	127.82
East Howard	76.00
Emmanuel	974.32
Forrest Avenue	47.93
Trinity	126.50
DeLia	10.00
Gulfport	
Bayou View	125.21
Broadmoor	99.61
First	1,248.17
Grace Memorial	278.28
Gulf Gardens	135.91
Pass Road	67.98
West	38.15
Handsboro	254.39
Long Beach	70.44
Lyman	60.00
Mississippi City	60.00
New Hope	31.00
Pass Christian	51.55
Perkinston	97.66
Providence	200.00
Sharon	28.36
Shoreline Chapel	205.00
Waveland	428.75
Wiggins	37.01
Woolmarket	
Jackson	
Arlington Heights	56.37
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McLaurin	50.00
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Harvey	554.97
Temple	114.70
Providence	175.00
Rawls Springs	200.00
Lebanon Association	14.00
Pearl River	
Bethel	228.05
Carriere	128.71
Emmanuel	50.00
First	209.59
Grace Memorial	50.00
Harmony	18.33
Juniper Grove	140.20
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Poplarville	
First	386.70
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## DISTRICT 2

Clarke	7.00
Center Ridge	56.10
DeSoto	74.00
Enterprise	306.50
Harmony	48.00
Montrose	41.00
Oak Grove	14.25
Pine Grove	100.00
Pine Hill	11.78
Pleasant Hill	135.05
Quitman	850.17
Rolling Creek	28.39
Shubuta	161.50
Southern	22.09
Stonewall	100.00
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First	513.59
West	94.71
Fairfield	18.50
Fellowship	27.45
Glade	349.55
Harmony	100.00
Indian Springs	55.21
Laurel	390.50
First	1,668.17
Highland	508.53
Magnolia Street	500.00
Plainview	77.18
Second	72.80
West Laurel	230.00
Wildwood	187.55
Mossie Memorial	65.66
Myrick	
Mick	50.00
Freedom	30.51
New Hope	50.00
Oak Grove	32.50
Overt	25.25
Park Haven	88.05
Pecan Grove	11.52
Pine Grove	150.00
Pleasant Hill	127.00
Watersville	578.86
Sharon	150.00
Soso	163.65
Ward	72.00
Tucker's Crossing	126.27
Smith	
Bethel	138.40
Burns	24.00
Fellowship	66.45
Goodwater	52.25
Mt. Pleasant	12.15
New Sardis	31.00
Raleigh	412.53
Taylorville	450.00
Union Church	60.00
White Oak	143.10
Wayne	
Big Creek	31.03
Bucatunna	103.78
Clara	103.25
Evergreen	100.00
Mt. Zion	111.25
Pleasant Grove	133.98
State Line	231.12
Ward	
Calvary	244.35
First	615.88
Water Oak	25.00

## DISTRICT 3

Kemper	117.00
Black Water	70.60
DeKalb	27.70
Scobba	17.00
Wahala	
Lauderdale	41.15
Arkadelphia	55.20
Bethany	421.85
Carmel	41.50
Center Grove	88.05
Daleville	30.00
Fellowship	103.00
Goodwater	75.00
Hickory Grove	15.60
Kewanee	220.00
Lauderdale Mission	5.50
Liberty	60.20
Macedonia	95.75
Marion	155.29
Meridian	
Arrowood	165.89
Calvary	200.00
East View	186.14
Fifteenth Avenue	160.00
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Oak Grove	801.01
Oakland Heights	157.80
Poplar Springs	443.63
State Boulevard	452.61
Westwood	38.95
Midway	297.87
Mt. Gilead	204.81
Mt. Horeb	44.00
New Hope	300.61
Pine Grove	306.00
Russell	172.00
Toomsburg	
Leake	

## DISTRICT 4

Chickasaw	69.10
Arbor Grove	60.00
Bethel	65.63
Carnation	47.35
Good Hope	185.27
New Augusta	554.86
Richton	
Clarke	7.00
Center Ridge	56.10
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Kossuth	54.22
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Rienzi	43.08
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Tishomingo Chapel	37.84
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Hickory Flat	4.37
Hawamba	4.00
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Evergreen	71.00
Fulton	
Lee	
Auburn	123.15
Biden	87.55
Blissell	100.00
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Camp Creek	122.00
Chickasaw	38.92
Euclatubba	285.00
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Richmond	164.39
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Shannon	399.25
First	1,273.50
Sherman	81.86
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First	57.45
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Verona	
Pontotoc	16.25
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Longview	1,190.15
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Postville	77.80
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Highland	506.53	Morgan Chapel	
Magnolia Street	500.00	Self Creek	
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Second	752.87	Calvary	
West Laurel	230.00	First	
Wildwood	187.55	Sturgis	
Mossie Memorial	65.66	Wake Forest	
Myrick		Winston	
Myrick	50.00	Bethel	
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New Hope	50.00	Dry Creek	
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# The Sunday School Lesson

## THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON- Man's Way And God's Way

By Clifton J. Allen  
James 3:1 to 4:12



James knew the weaknesses of human nature. He knew that Christians, even as unbelievers, are subject to evil desires and to the persistent and deceitful attacks of Satan. He knew that the world would make its subtle appeals to Christians to adopt its standards and seek its values. Therefore, James dealt in forthright manner with problems the Christians faced, called on them to maintain single-hearted devotion to God, warned them about the danger of an uncontrolled tongue and the outcome of an uncontrolled passion, admonished them about evil speaking toward one another, and encouraged them to cultivate harmony and heavenly peace.

### The Lesson Explained Earthly Wisdom Or Heavenly Wisdom

Verses 3:13-18

James contrasted earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom by relating them to the Christian's relations with other persons. The genuinely wise person practices kindness and peacefulness. No person is wiser than the one who tries to avoid envy, strife, and jealousy. Unfortunately, some people think that they are smart when they deceive others, take advantage of others, or lord it over others. This kind of wisdom "is earthly, sensual, devilish." The wisdom from above is pure; it is peaceable; it is gentle or forbearing; it is easy to be entreated; it is merciful and wholesome; it is impartial; it is sincere. Such wisdom finds its source in heaven: it is the gift of God.

Strive For Peace  
Verses 4:1-3

Strife is born of selfishness. Wars and fighting have their origin in lust and craving for pleasure. Strife can mar even the fellowship of Christians, as James implies. When Christians are possessed by a selfish and sinful spirit, their interest in prayer is deadened. When Christians lose the desire to pray and a concern about their spiritual needs, they of course receive no blessings from God. They can become so embroiled in strife that they partake of a murderous spirit. They can become so immersed in covetousness that they forget their need of God. Such waywardness of course raises a question about the reality of faith in Christ. Christians ought never to forget that they are members one of another and that the peace of Christ is to rule in their hearts, that is, act as an umpire to settle differences and to unite the followers of Christ in unity of devotion to the Lord.

### The World Or God Verse 4:4

The situation prevailing among some of the early Christians deserved the severe rebuke of James. They were unfaithful creatures. With stern frankness James reminded them of a truth spoken by Jesus: Christians cannot love both the world and God. The heart cannot be divided with friendship for the world and friendship for God. The one who chooses friendship with the world makes himself an enemy with God. God is rightly jealous. He yearns for the love and devotion of those whom he loves without reservation. Christians cannot live a "Mr. Facing-both-ways" kind of life. The words of Jesus are simple but uncompromising: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." When

## LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM- Learners Become Teachers

By Bill Duncan  
John 1:40-51;  
Acts 8:4-8;  
II Tim. 2:2



When a person has acquired new knowledge or has translated knowledge into action and it works, there comes that desire to share it. Of course, it is more comfortable to always be the recipient of knowledge. Every year when the nominating committee begins to work, it appears that the job of getting teachers gets harder. However, if the Christian experience is true then the learner has something he must share. The joy of teaching only comes when one continues to be a learner himself. The relationship to knowledge, experience, and people is wonderful if one is a humble teacher directed by God. The rewards of teaching do not come in one experience, but in the long span of life as he sees the learner grow into becoming a teacher himself. The continual growth of life is a growth in learning.

### Desire To Share John 1:40-51

After Andrew knew the experience of becoming a disciple of Jesus, the first impulse was to go find Simon Peter. The scripture only says that he said, "We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, the Christ." Somehow more could have been said to persuade Peter that this was the Christ. Many times, the teacher must persuade the students to accept certain knowledge. But even then he does so out of a strong desire of sharing. To be a good teacher, one must be confident of the truth he is handling.

Andrew was the kind of teacher that brought his pupils to the master teacher that Simon might learn of Him. One of the greatest things a person can do is to introduce a pupil to Jesus Christ. So that He can accomplish the mighty work of God in the lives of individuals. When we share Christ with others, it is marvelous to see His grace in their lives. Simon became Cephas.

Philip also shared his new-found knowledge with Nathaniel. In sharing his knowledge, we see the wise teacher who does not argue the point but brings the pupil in his own experience to see for himself the truth. The personal encounter with Christ is sufficient to convince any man of who Jesus is and what He can do. No one can overemphasize the result of learning which creates a desire to share that experience. But it is the wise teacher who takes the zeal according to knowledge and leads the pupil to see for himself. A lot of harm has been done by people whose zeal was all desire without anything to share. This is shallow and produces confusion.

### Because Of Sharing Acts 8:4-8

Philip is known to the readers of the Bible as a layman, yet he was used by God in such a way that his work was wonderful. This one went to the Samaritans, who were outcast by the Jews. Some think that Philip could have been a Hellenistic Jew - Greek background. Anyway, he went to a mission field and reaped a harvest as the result of teaching.

As a result of hearing what was taught, a miraculous change took place in the lives of the learners. I do not want to minimize the miracles but they could not have been possible until the people who were changed and healed had learned. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Philip did not work the miracle, but God.

will Christians learn that following Christ means that the whole of life is to be brought under the sway of his will?

### Truths To Live By

God requires a single heart. — One of the words coined by James to describe the unworthy and wayward Christian is "double minded." He is unstable, irresponsible, and unfaithful.

One of the great miracles of learning is joy. One said a long time ago, "Why didn't somebody tell me before now? I have never been happy before." So many do not have the true joy because they do not know the ONE who gives joy. It is wonderful to see what can happen when we see the work of God. A by-product, some say, of learning is joy because of the climate it creates. I know Philip was happy, and it is so easy to be happy around a joyful person.

### Admonish To Share II Tim. 2:2

Timothy had learned a lot in his associations with Paul. Now it appears that time is running out for Paul so in his closing book to his son in the ministry, he reminds him that his highest calling is in the training of persons who can be good teachers. No preacher can do all of the teaching and neither can one person do all of the ministry. Timothy was to seek "faithful men" that would continue the task. The men selected might not at first be the type of people that would show qualities of teaching, but who can become. The disciples of Jesus were not the learned men of their day, but they were trained by Jesus to be good teachers. They gave themselves to Jesus completely in commitment. These were faithful men.

We are called to learn not just for ourselves but that we may teach others. The mother learns to teach the children. The preacher learns to teach the congregation. The congregation learns to teach the world. Everyone who knows will be judged with what he does with that knowledge.

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### Other conference leaders for leadership are:

JIMMY CROWE, Consultant, Training Union, Department Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee  
MISS LAVERNE ASHBY, Consultant, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee  
MRS. WRIGHT GELLERSTEDT, Approved Young People's Worker, Atlanta, Georgia  
MRS. DOT HAMMATT, Approved Junior Worker, Tennessee Training Union Department  
MRS. EARL BAILEY, Approved Intermediate Worker, Florida Training Union Department  
MRS. HAROLD ST. GEMME, Approved Nursery Worker, Mississippi Training Union Department

### Highland Honors Fewell Family

On May 19, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Fewell and family were honored with a fellowship in Fellowship Hall, marking their 4th anniversary at Highland, Vicksburg.

Refreshments were served and a gift was presented to

Rev. and Mrs. Fewell as a token of love and appreciation.

During these four years, many improvements to the building have been made. The membership has increased, with many baptisms, and the membership has increased, from \$22,157 to \$41,826. Plans are underway for the construction of a new sanctuary.

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# Savourless Salt

By John H. Traylor, Jr., Calvary Church, Tupelo  
Louis Evans tells of an intern who confided in his superior, saying: "I am sick of human nature. I am fed up with odors and diseases and putrefaction and death. I am so sick of humanity I could destroy it. What do you do, doctor, to keep going?" The older doctor replied: "I always look at humanity from a curative standpoint; there is something we can do about it."

Jesus had in mind the redemptive ministry of his disciples in saying: "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it (the world) be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men" (Matthew 5:13).

NECESSITY OF SALT. Salt is an indispensable element in the food of both men and women. It is so plentiful with us that we hardly realize its importance. Missionaries, however, tell us of Africans who suffer from salt starvation. Their hot blood, lacking the purifying and health-giving salt, breaks out in painful ulcers, which drain the energy of life. When these come to the mission homes, they beg in piteous tones, not for money or bread, but for salt.

USES OF SALT. Salt is used to preserve. Placed properly on meat, for example, it allays corruption and conserves sweetness and purity. In like manner, the church is in the world as a moral preservative to keep society from decay and make it acceptable unto the Lord. Salt is also used to flavor. So do Christians give flavor and meaning to life.

SAVOURLESS SALT. Salt may lose its savour. In Jesus' day, salt was very impure, usually containing a large mixture of sand. In moist weather, the saline ingredient would attract and absorb moisture and gradually trickle away. The porous lump would remain, but its savour would have disappeared.

Savourless salt cannot start off the decaying process in meat or give taste to so much as a boiled egg. Moreover, it actually destroys all fertility wherever it is thrown. It is thus "good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." That is, savourless salt is fit only to fill up a hole in the road.

A "savourless" Christian is one who has so absorbed the spirit of the world that the heavenly element is no longer dominant. According to Jesus' analogy, the world and the church are better off without such a Christian.

SALT AND REVIVAL. It is questionable whether salt can regain its savour, once lost. However, true revival—the kind you could have in your church this summer or fall—can restore the "saltiness" of the church. Join me in praying:

Renew thy church; her ministries restore both to serve and adore.  
Make us again as salt throughout the land and as light from the stand.

Mid somber shadows of the night  
Where greed and evil spread their blight.  
Oh, send us forth with power endued  
Help us, Lord, be renewed.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Star: May 12-19; 6 professions of faith; 4 by letter;

large number of rededications; record attendance in Sunday school — 235 and training union — 143; Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor and evangelist; Larry Glass, minister of music and singer.

# Today's Youth

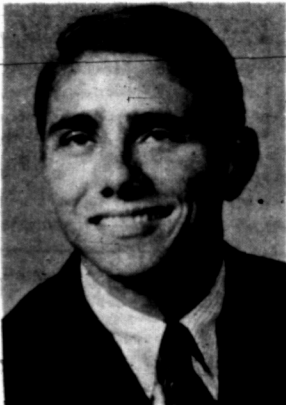


## CLARKE AWARD WINNERS

From left, front: Wayne Carter, Birmingham; Tommy Traxler, Noxapater; Jimmie Barber, Franklin, La.; Patricia McDill, Union; Martha Finley, Troy, Ala.; Sue Jones, Andalusia, Ala.; Lendell Ainsworth, Marietta, Ga.; second row: Bill Hill, Ripley; Bruce Knight, Tupelo; Bob Hill, Pittsboro; Louie Tate, Mt. Hermon, La.; Toufic Balarseh, Jordan; Danny Jones, Germantown, Ky.; Mrs. W. L. Compere, representing the College. Not pictured: Glen Shows; and David Walker, York, Ala. Scholarship and honors awards were presented by President W. L. Compere on May 14 to Clarke College student awards winners as follows: Jack C. Richardson Award, Ainsworth; Bryan Simmons Awards (two), Carter, Sue Jones; Kuykendall Award, McDill; Mary Ruth Mangum Award, Batarseh; Robert L. Ray Scholarship, Knight; Cynthia Heritage Voice Scholarship, Shows; Kenneth Aiken Scholarship, Bob Hill; Lander G. Kee Scholarship, Danny Jones; Tracy Gallaspay Scholarship, Bill Hill; L. G. Camp, Jr. Scholarship, Tate; Special Voice Scholarship, Finley; Melodi McElroy Scholarship, Walker; Most Valuable Athlete, Barber.



NEW HOPE CHURCH (Marion) played host to the Junior Choir of the South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, May 29. The choir of 22 voices presented a concert of sacred music during the prayer meeting hour under the direction of David Duke, organist of the Hattiesburg Church. Assisting Mr. Duke in the Junior Choir program are Mrs. David Duke and Mrs. Carol Arnold, sponsors; Mrs. Doris Wall, pianist; Rev. L. E. Gandy, pastor; and Ralph Ford, minister of music.



BOBBY WALKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Higdon Walker of Jackson will serve First Church, West Point, as summer youth director. Rev. Jimmy H. Hipp is pastor and Jerry Neely is Minister of Music and Education. Mr. Walker received his BS degree in accounting from Mississippi State University and is working on his Master of Business Administration degree. He has served as student summer missionary in Ohio.

## Neshoba Young People Launch New Program

Christianity Fun? Many will tell you that such an idea is not the commonly accepted one. But the young people of the Neshoba County Baptist churches are flexing their wings and making strange sounds as though they are ready to prove that the "Old Time Religion" did not include the whole story.

A group of young Baptists, from nearly every church in Neshoba county, met at Beacon Street Church recently to make some new plans. They plan to prove that Christianity is not only exciting but just plain fun, too. They remained in business session until late hours of the night selecting officers, consulting with their pastor - advisors, appointing committees, and laying plans for future activities.

Kenny Rea is the newly elected president of the organization. Gail George is vice-president and Sylvia Mowdy is general secretary. Rev. Duane Morgan, pastor of Trinity Church, and Rev. Lester Jones, county missionary, are serving as advisors to the Program Committee. Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor of Beacon Street Church, is working with the publicity committee.

A few of the things included for the summer period are trips to major cities in Mississippi, a soft ball league, and picnics and worship services.

At least three major worship services are being planned to take place this summer. They will reflect the new youth attitude and desire for a Christianity sufficient for our day. These services will include outstanding young preachers, stringed instruments, and training for individual witnessing for Christ.



## Ridgecrest Ordains Summer Missionary

Rev. Ronnie Burkett (above, right) was recently ordained by his home church, Ridgecrest, Jackson. Dr. Chester L. Quarles preached the ordination sermon, and Chaplain James Nolan Brister gave the charge to the candidate. Dr. Earl Kelly, pictured at left, is pastor.

Mr. Burkett will be working in Oil City, Pa., where he will organize a new Southern Baptist church during the summer, under the direction of the Home Mission Board. He will return to Mississippi College for his senior year this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Burkett are his parents. Mr. Burkett is co-chairman of the deacons, and Mrs. Burkett serves as WMU president.

## First, Biloxi Honors Seniors

The seniors of First Church, Biloxi, were honored with a "Moonlight Cruise" aboard the Pan American Clipper, Friday night, May 31. Other high school students went along for the trip. At 5:30 a. m. on Saturday morning the seniors were feasted to breakfast in their honor at the Bungalow Restaurant.

Later Saturday the Young People of the church met at 3:30 p. m. to leave for the Greater New Orleans Crusade for Christ with Bill Glass — all pro-defensive end for the Cleveland Browns football team.

## Calhoun County Crusade Planned

Calhoun County Youth Crusade will be held in Calhoun City at the ball field July 18-21. This will be an evangelistic crusade with the young preachers of the county doing the preaching and the youth of the association furnishing leadership for all other phases of responsibility.

Rehearsals for "Good News," the Christian folk musical, began at Pittsboro Church on June 8. This work will be presented by the Calhoun County young people at a Youth Rally on September 7.

Ben C. Scarborough is the youth director for Calhoun County Association.

## White Bible Presentation

A White Bible Presentation Ceremony was held in East Morton Church, May 22nd, honoring Miss Carmen Colleen Broadhead, bride-elect of Johnnie Earl Malone. The service was by candlelight. Seven girls dressed in colors of the rainbow, presented their charge to the bride-to-be. The Bible Bearer was Glen Phillips. "O Promise Me" and "Bless This House" was sung. Rev. A. H. Overstreet, pastor, presented the Bible. The young G. A. girls were in charge of a reception.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE COED, Linda Waldon, recently named Miss Hattiesburg, smiles as David DeBord presents her with flowers. Linda was honored during a special assembly on the Carey campus for having brought distinction to her college.

## Names In The News

T. J. Whitson, of Bankston, Ala., father of two Southern Baptist missionaries, David H. and Charles D. Whitson, died June 5. David Whitson may be addressed at Box 1032, Lindi, Tanzania, East Africa. Charles Whitson may be addressed, c/o Ray Huckaby, Rt. 2, Lafayette, Ala., 36862 (he is preparing to leave the States to begin service at an English-language church in Windhoek, South West Africa).

William Carey College associate professor Mrs. Louise Griffith, received her Ph. D. degree in Psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi on Saturday evening, May 18. Dr. Griffith has been named Chairman of the Department of Education and Psychology. She is a member of Prentiss Baptist Church, at Prentiss, which is her home.



The Patton Family

## Pleasant Hill Calls Pastor

Pleasant Hill Church in Quitman has called Rev. Buel B. (Bill) Patton, Jr. as pastor. Mr. Patton moved to Quitman from Meridian, where he served as associate pastor of Westwood.

Born in Meridian, he was ordained to preach June 25, 1967, by Mt. Horeb Church, Meridian. He is now studying at Clarke College.

He is married to the former Linda Fay Gibson of Meridian. They have two daughters, Melinda Dawn 3, and Billie Deneia 1.

The church honored the Pattons by a supper and pouncing, when they moved into the parsonage at Route 3, Quitman.

Rev. Bob Mitchell, who has moved to Mississippi to work as assistant executive director of Community Service Association, is available for supply preaching on Sundays. He is a Baptist preacher who has had twenty years' experience as a pastor in his native state of Texas, and officially terminated his work at Anahuac, Texas, on May 15. A graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, he may be addressed at 320 Northwest St., Jackson.

Rev. M. R. Bradley, native of Mississippi, recently marked his first anniversary as pastor of Rio Vista Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. He was called to the church in May, 1967 upon his graduation from New Orleans Seminary. During the year there have been 60 additions, 12 on profession of faith. Bradley is a graduate of Mississippi College, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Bradley. His father is a deacon in the Agricola Church, Lucedale.

Victor R. Vaughn, who has held faculty and staff positions at Clarke College, for nearly six years, has been granted a leave of absence to continue his studies toward the Ph.D. degree at the University of Southern Mississippi.

## Holmesville Remembers Two Active Members

Holmesville Church (Pike) has adopted a resolution declaring appreciation for the lives of Mrs. Robert Girling and Obed McCallip, who died earlier this year.

Mrs. Girling was a member of Holmesville for about 35 years. She taught the Junior Sunday school class for the same number of years, and was active in every phase of the church work.

Mr. McCallip also was a member of the church for about 35 years. He served as a deacon for about 28 of these years and also was active in every phase of the work.

Rev. Gary Watkins, is pastor.

## Second Avenue Presents Drama At Richton

A religious drama, "I Saw Him," by Sarah Walton Miller, was presented by the Training Union of Second Avenue Church, Laurel, at the 7:30 p. m. worship service, at Richton Church, Richton, (Rev. David Merritt, pastor) on Sunday, June 2.

The pageant was a worshipful experience, with the characters wearing black clothes, and the sounding of the drum. The characters portrayed physical places and things, in and around Jerusalem, who told what they saw, thought, and felt about Jesus' last hours.

The persons in the play were: GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE — Mrs. Harold Melvin; GOLDEN GATE — Mrs. Dale Bowling; CAIAPHAS' PALACE — Harold Melvin; THE TEMPLE — J. V. Parker; HEROD'S PALACE — Mrs. Walter Cade; FORTRESS ANTONIA — David Burnham; STREETS OF JERUSALEM — Mrs. Gary Pierce; GENNATH GATE — Jimmy Pickering; GOLGOTHA — Mrs. Jimmy Pickering; THE CROSS — Ennis Denham; THE TOMB — F. M. Smith; GUEST DRUMMER — Alvin Hamilton; ACCOMPANIST — Mrs. Jeannine Haynes; SOLOIST — Mrs. Jack Headrick; DIRECTORS — Mrs. Lyman Osborne, Mrs. Lawrence Bankston, Miss Betty Martin.

Rev. E. J. Harvey is interim pastor at Second Avenue. Training Union director is Miss Betty Martin.

## RED BANKS CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Homer A. Worsham was called to Red Banks Church on May 27. He had formerly served there as pastor, from 1960 to 1964.

Mr. Worsham is a graduate of Clarke College. Both he and his wife, the former Kate Wilson, are from Grenada County. They have two sons, Donny 12, and Mark 9.

He has been pastor of Calvary Church, Newton, for the past three years, nine months.



LOOKING OVER STUDENT FILES for prospective subscribers and getting ready to examine copies of previous publications are the three newly elected editors of the 1968-69 Blue Mountain campus literary editions and volumes. Left to right: Kathie Wessels of Memphis, editor for the second session of the MOUNTAIN BREEZE, student creative writing journal; Linda Gholston, Baldwin, editor of the "B. M. Seer," campus newspaper; and Marilyn Bennett of New Albany, editor of the MOUNTAINEER, college yearbook.

## Churches In The News

East Moss Point Church announces its 78th Homecoming to be held on Sunday, June 30th. All friends and former members are invited to attend. Dinner will be served to all. Rev. Paul Leber is pastor.

Cedar Bluff Church will hold Memorial Day services June 23. There will be regular Sunday school and worship Sunday morning, and lunch served at the Community Center at 12. Rev. Daniel Springfield of Bolivar, Missouri, will bring the memorial message at 2 p. m. at the church. He and Mrs. Springfield will furnish special music.

Mt. Nebo Church, Newton County, will observe Homecoming June 23. Rev. Herman Pilgrim, former pastor, now serving Ebenezer, Bassfield, will bring the morning message. The 1:30 p. m. service will begin with a devotion by Rev. Jim Rigdon, pastor at Oakland Heights Mission, Meridian. Also there will be special singing, a memorial service, the report of the Cemetery Association, and talks by former pastors. A revival begins that evening at 7:30. (See "Revival Dates" column).

## 'Challenge Of The Cross'

"The Challenge of the Cross" will be presented by the Clarkston Church Youth Choir Sunday night, June 23, at 7 p. m. The public is invited, according to the pastor, Rev. W. K. Richardson.

## Southeastern Dedicates Center

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) — Southeastern Seminary here dedicated its new student center, named "Mackie Hall" in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Mackie of Wake Forest.



KENNETH HARRISON, SON of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harrison, was licensed to preach the gospel, by Beulah Church, near Little Rock, Miss., on May 12. He has been associated Sunday school superintendent for four years, has served as youth pastor, and has been featured speaker at worship services and also for prayer meeting, several times. He is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School and attended East Central Junior College. His pastor is Rev. H. T. Curbow of Tupelo.

## Wright Joins Humphrey Staff

WASHINGTON (BP) — Lloyd Wright, a former Baptist public relations man, will be the advertising coordinator for the presidential campaign of Hubert H. Humphrey, according to an announcement by the United Democrats for Humphrey.

## Off The Record

I SMILED AT THIS

Recently a Pastor shared with me an incident that he said took place in his church. It had to do with the common question that always comes to a parent from a child upon the occasion of the Lord's Supper.

The child asked his mother why he couldn't have some of the bread. Tactfully, she replied, "This is only for Christians."

On the following Wednesday evening, the same little boy said to his friend, "Let's go downstairs and eat supper. You don't have to be a Christian to eat in the basement."

— W. C. Hultgren

## Sharkey-Issaquena To Hold County-Wide Revival

A county-wide open-air revival sponsored by the churches of the Sharkey-Issaquena Association, will be held on the football field of the high school at Rolling Fork June 24-30.

Angel Martinez will be the evangelist with Steve Taylor of Columbia, S. C. leading the music. Services will be held daily at 8 p. m.



BARBARA CREEL is the third person to receive a trip to Gloria Assembly in New Mexico this summer from First Church of Carriere. The church provides an all-paid trip each summer for four of its young people for outstanding Christian service. Rev. Wm. Gary Smith is pastor.



# Baptist Building Tour

By  
Anne Washburn McWilliams  
"Mississippi Baptist Convention 515." Day or night, the glistening metal letters are clearly readable. You have arrived at your destination, the new Baptist Building in Jackson, on the corner of Missis-



Dr. Paul M. Stevens

## Greater Jackson Crusade Set

Baptist churches of the Greater Jackson area are jointly sponsoring eight days of evangelistic services during the Greater Jackson Crusade, July 7-14.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio & TV Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention, Ft. Worth, will be the evangelist.

The Crusade Choir will be directed by James Davis, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., while Miss Jo Ann Shelton and Miss Loeen Bushman, with the Southern Baptist Convention in Ft. Worth, will be soloist and accompanist.

The opening service is scheduled for 3:00 p. m. Sunday, July 7. Evening services Monday through Saturday are at 7:30 p. m. Closing services will be July 14 at 3:00 p. m. All services are to be held at the Mississippi Coliseum, Jackson.

Dr. David R. Grant, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, is chairman of the Crusade.

## Historical Group To Install Dr. McLemore

Dr. R. A. McLemore, who is retiring from the presidency of Mississippi College, will be installed as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission on July 1 at 11 a. m. in the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College.

On the same date, at 3 p. m., the Roadside Park and Historical Shelter at Fayette will be dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. J. L. Boyd, Sr., who was executive secretary of the Historical Commission for many years.

The public is invited to both services.

At the installation service, those on program will include Dr. F. K. Horton, master of ceremonies; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Rev. Reed Dicken, Jr., who has served as interim executive secretary of the Historical Commission; Dr. McLemore; Dr. J. B. Butler; and Dr. R. A. Herrington.

## N. O. Seminary Sets \$2 Million Campaign

NEW ORLEANS — Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns of America, Inc., and one of the nation's leading Christian laymen, will be general chairman of a \$2 million fund-raising campaign for New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of the seminary, made the announcement yesterday on behalf of the seminary's board of development and trustees.

"We are happy and honored

issippi and President, across the street from the chapel of First Baptist Church and diagonally across from the State Capitol.

Rest for a moment on the front walk, shaded by tall magnolia trees. Look at the structure before you. It was a phinted to match the magnolia blossoms above your head. It is made of concrete and glass — and dreams. Dreams of men who longed for Mississippi Baptists' work to be carried on in a better and more effective way, men who worked and prayed so that the dreams could come true.

We walk five steps down to ground floor level. On either side you can glimpse a brick-walled court through an iron grillwork gate. The Rebecca Court is to your left, on the east. See the fountain? A graceful woman carrying a water pitcher. Could that be Rebecca? Irregular stepping-stones separate the half-moon flowerbed from the double row of green shrubs. Is that tree in the corner a redbud? Joseph Court on the west has a fountain, too, as well as a flagstone walk, and tender green foliage. These were landscaped by Bryant Horne, the well-known Jackson garden enthusiast who was formerly president of the Men's Garden Club of America.

We proceed, through a glass wall, into the lobby, by way of

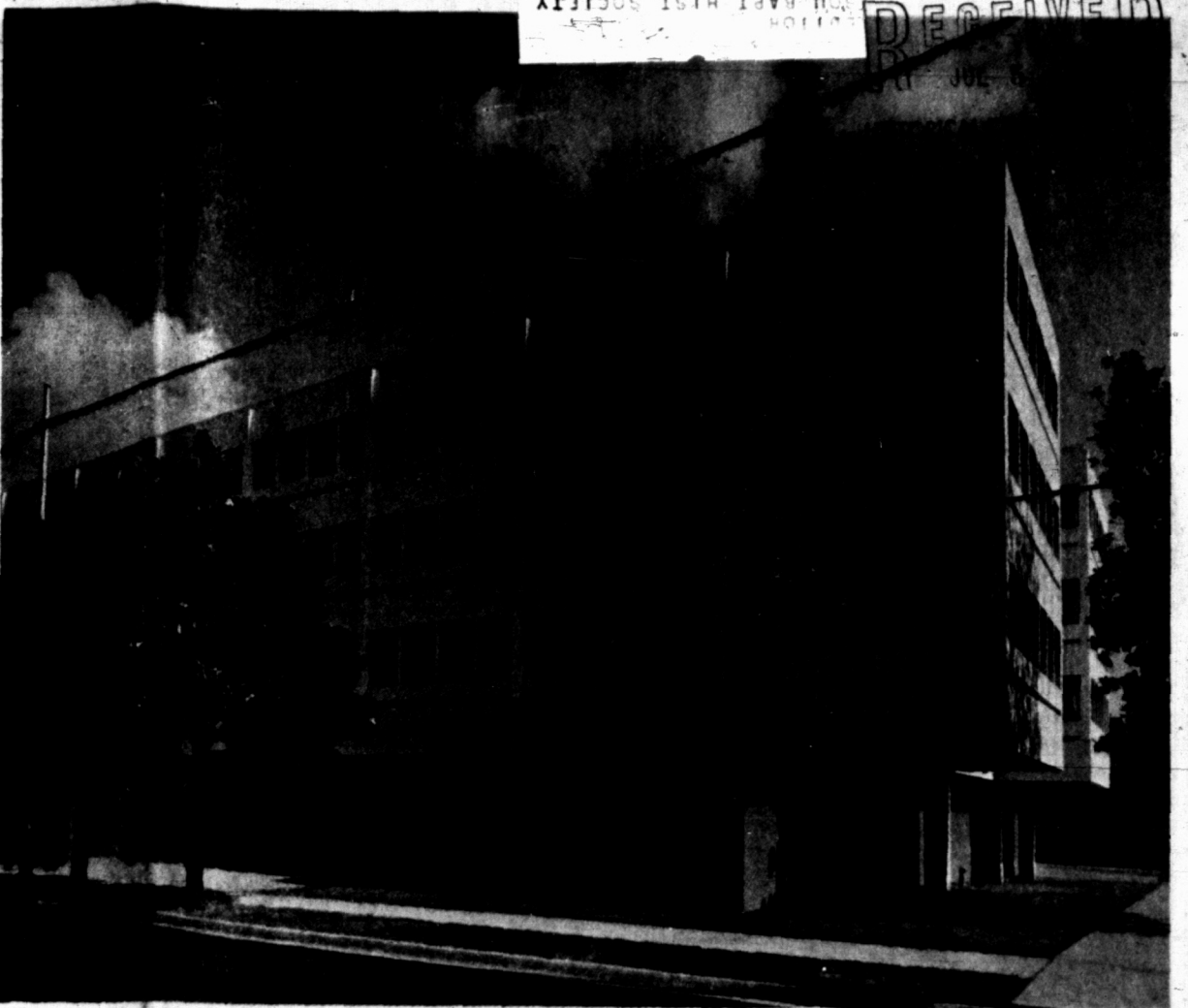
wide glass doors, and find that the brick paving of the exterior floor is extended into this room. Facing us is a large blank white wall.

The blank wall was planned for a special purpose. Some day, according to Dr. Quarles, there will be a historical mural to fill that space, a mural featuring the history of the Baptists in Mississippi. If not in oils, it will still be in color, maybe in mosaics, or in some other media. Meanwhile, the wall stands in silent invitation to some person or persons who may wish to finance such a worthy undertaking.

The lobby's black and white furnishings carry out the building's color scheme of black and white, plus accent splashes of bright color. Sitting area carpet here is a deep, dark gold, as is that in the Executive Room. Other carpets are charcoal gray.

To the right of the entrance is the switchboard with the latest, most modern telephone equipment, and featuring two Watts lines. For visitors, there are convenient phone booths in the hallway to the rear of the lobby. Going past the switchboard, we enter the Tract and Historical Library, and receptionist's office. In this beautiful room will be kept items of historical interest to Baptists. For instance, there is the picture of delegates to the Southern Baptist

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The new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building, for which formal opening will be held July 2.

## Building Opening Ready

Formal opening for the New Mississippi Baptist Convention Building will be held on Tuesday, July 2, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The ceremony will be held in the auditorium on the main floor from 10:30-11:30 a. m. with open house to be held the remainder of the day.

Attendants will be on hand to conduct guided tours of the building for individuals and groups attending.

"The public is cordially invited to come and see this new facility of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, located at the corner of North President and Mississippi Street in Jackson," Dr. Quarles asserted.

Dr. Quarles will be in the chair at the formal opening program, with the schedule to include a recognition of state and city officials; the building committee; those who made special gifts toward furnishing the building and heads of other denominations.

Several Southern Baptist convention leaders as well as leaders from nearby states are also expected to be present.

This new four-story edifice was occupied in March of this year with formal dedication to be held later.

For several years prior to the occupancy of the new building the old building at the corner of Mississippi and North Congress was used.

It was sold to the State of Mississippi and is now being used by the state.

The new building has several purposes, according to Dr. Quarles, the main one being to house the various departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

It not only serves as the home of the Convention Board and several other agencies, but it also provides a central

place for the use of all Mississippi Baptist churches and their members.

The building and its facilities are available to churches, associations and other church-related groups for their use in advancing the work and programs of the Convention.

**Future Growth Seen**  
The new building now provides facilities of exceptional beauty, convenience and efficiency. It also has been designed to accommodate future growth and expansion smoothly and efficiently.

This attractive structure, built to the glory of God and His work here on earth should serve as an impetus to continued growth and commitment by Baptists throughout this area.

It will be a lasting monument to the dedication, devotion and enterprise of Mississippi Baptists.

## A DREAM BECOMES A CHERISHED REALITY

As early as 1955, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board began to realize that, because of the rapid and substantial growth of the work of the State Convention, it would in time become necessary to construct a new State Convention Building.

During the period of the late fifties, several departments were being housed in rented offices in other locations in Jackson, and the offices in the old building were overcrowded.

Enlargement of the old building was considered impractical, particularly because changes in the City of Jackson's building code would not permit additional floors to be added.

Two choice lots, located just a block east at the corner of Mississippi and President streets, became available and were purchased—one in 1956 and the other in 1959.

In 1962, the State Convention voted to consider other sites as a possibility for the new building and directed the Convention Board to select a location, either the one owned or another.

Authorized by the Convention Board to carry out this assignment, the Board's Executive Committee considered a number of prospective sites in and around Jackson.

In the meantime, the State Convention voted in 1963 to "look with favor" toward the construction of a new state Convention Building.

In 1964, the state Convention, upon recommendation of the Convention Board and its Executive Committee, voted to build a new Convention Building upon a site to be selected by the Executive Committee.

In an historic and far-reaching meeting on March 29, 1965, the Executive Committee determined that the property already owned at Mississippi (Continued on page 6)

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Following our custom of not publishing an issue the week of the Fourth of July, there will be no Baptist Record next week.

Watch for the next issue on

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board  
S. B. C. HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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### EDITORIAL SURVEY

## Conservatism and Social Action Blended at SBC

By the Baptist Press

The 1966 Southern Baptist Convention in Houston has been interpreted by nearly a dozen editorials in Baptist state papers as a unique blend of conservatism and liberal social

action, and as a historic turning point in the history of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

"The convention blended conservative theology with liberal social action in a way that few had believed possible," observed Editor John A. Roberts of the Southern Carolina Baptist Courier in a typical editorial comment.

Most of the editorials in the 29 Baptist state papers immediately following the convention emphasized the adoption by the SBC of a strongly-worded statement on the racial crisis in the nation and the election of avowed conservative W. A. Criswell of Dallas as the major factors in the liberal-conservative blend in the convention's fabric.

Several editors called the statement the strongest that the SBC had ever approved on the subject of race relations, and observed that the convention "turned the corner in Houston on the race issue."

Not all of the editorials agreed, however, on whether

amendments to the statement significantly altered or weakened the statement, and whether passage of the statement was a victory for "liberals" and a defeat for "conservatives."

"Liberals among Southern Baptists found little in which to exult in the action of this convention," wrote Joe T. Odle, editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record.

The opposite viewpoint was expressed by Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, who wrote: "Southern Baptists with liberal, New Testament-oriented views on human relations will now find that they have a new source of moral support."

But most of the editorials seemed to indicate that the convention defied efforts to place a "liberal" or "conservative" tag on its actions, but rather was a blend of the best of both viewpoints. "This convention was marked through-

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Dr. Quarles at his desk in new building

## Our New Building HOPES, PLANS AND DREAMS

By Chester L. Quarles  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

When I became Executive Secretary on April 1, 1960 I

never dreamed that I would be involved in a major building program of a Convention Building.

We had a good building and at the time it was adequate for our needs. Furthermore, I

was told that the 57 pillars under the building would support three additional floors.

When we began investigating the possibility of adding a floor or two, a few years later, we found the city build-

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## Special Donors Are Given Recognition

Although the new building was financed by the Convention as a whole, several individuals should be recognized for special gifts.

The office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, was completely furnished by churches and denominational agencies previously served by him. These include: First Baptist Church, Leland; Alabama Baptist State Convention; First Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama; the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; and the Newton Baptist Church, Newton, Alabama.

Furnishings in the auditorium were given by Dr. and Mrs. T. N. Touchstone, of Jackson, in memory of their sons, T. N. Touchstone, Jr. and William Touchstone, who were killed in the tragic plane crash.

Landscaping and beautifica-

tion in the Rebecca Court (east) were made possible by Dr. and Mrs. S. H. McDonnell, Jr., of Jackson in honor of Dr. McDonnell's parents; and Mr. and Mrs. Boyce B. Biggers of Jackson, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spain.

Landscaping and beautification in the Joseph Court (west) were contributed by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McMullan of Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Lucian A. Harvey of Jackson.

Furnishings in the executive committee room were provided by children of Dr. and Mrs. S. Reynolds of Clinton, in their honor, through Mr. and Mrs. Seab Reynolds of Clinton; Mrs. Emmett Dickson and daughter of Jackson, in honor of Mr. Dickson; and through gifts of numerous members of the First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The refrigerator for the lunch room was a gift from Mrs. J. T. Williams of Jackson. S. B. C. HISTORICAL COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



# Structure Is Highly Functional

The four-story highly functional structure is designed of reinforced concrete. With pilings which extend to a depth of 30 feet below street level, the foundation of the building was designed to support an additional three floors to provide for future growth.

The superstructure is of concrete columns, beams and floors. There are four main girders of post-tensioned concrete, each projecting beyond the first floor exterior wall for a distance of ten feet.

The exterior walls are of precast sections, with glassed areas in between, giving a high percentage of glass. The exterior concrete surfaces are finished with a dash coat of Resto-Crete which has the color of the magnolia blossom.

Within the building there are two stair wells. Although only one elevator was installed for the present, spaces were provided for two.

The ground floor interior floors are brick in the lobby, halls and lounge areas to match the exterior brick floors.

Floors in the library and auditorium, along with most other floor areas throughout the building, are carpeted.

Ceilings on the first floor are exposed main con-

crete beams and acoustical plaster. On the upper floors, ceilings are 5-foot by 5-foot exposed "T" suspended systems with lay-in acoustical tile units.

This forms 5-foot by 5-foot modules in both directions, on which all walls, window mullions, partitions and plastic space dividers line.

Each module has centered in it a combination fluorescent light and air supply for cooling and heating.

The lighting and electrical systems incorporate the most modern equipment available for buildings of this type.

All power in the building is conveniently controlled from a central motor-controlled center, located in the main mechanical equipment room on the first floor. The telephone system is of the latest design, using central switchboard inter-office dial communication.

Combining most effectively modern architectural beauty with functional design, the building is not only an impressive and attractive structure, but it also provides the ultimate in convenience, spaciousness, and efficiency for those who work there.

Present spaces in the building have been planned for a projected twenty-year growth.



DR. HUDGINS, as chairman of the Building Committee, using the picture above, presented the committee's recommendations on the opening night of the 1965 State Convention.

## Our New Building - Hopes, Plans, Dreams

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ing code had been amended or changed and no additional floors could be added unless a great deal of steel were put inside the present building.

Architects advised us we would lose the value of the building and still have an old building.

In planning our new building we thought first of all of its use. For what reasons do Mississippi Baptists need a building? What would be its uses? How would every square foot of space be used? The plans started this way. The architects first of all determined that and then they started planning.

We dreamed of a building that would be used not only by the employees of the Convention Board and the members of the Convention Board but of all agencies, insti-

tutions, commissions and committees of the Convention.

Special conference rooms were planned for these eventualities. Recognizing the steady growth of our work — our Mission Program — we sought to plan wisely for future growth. There are some unused offices now; a portion of the fourth floor unused and the foundation could support three more floors if they are ever needed. In that case there is a prepared shaft for a second elevator.

### Building "Tells Story"

We felt that our building should "tell a story." That story is "the reason for our existence." So there is an electrical connection at the front just at the foot of the few steps you walk down to the first floor level.

Someday — and we trust it will be soon — we hope to see a world globe slowly revolv-

ing. It should be in a permanent metal and as we open up new countries and fields in our mission work we will bore holes in the globe and let the lights inside shine through.

Thus we will depict to the passing public the story of World Missions and Baptist advance.

The back wall of the foyer

on the first floor is now white but someday we hope to have an appropriate mural to depict our past, present and future.

Our building shall be used for prayer and planning. We exist to take our part in winning Mississippi, the United States and the whole world to Jesus Christ our Saviour and our Lord.



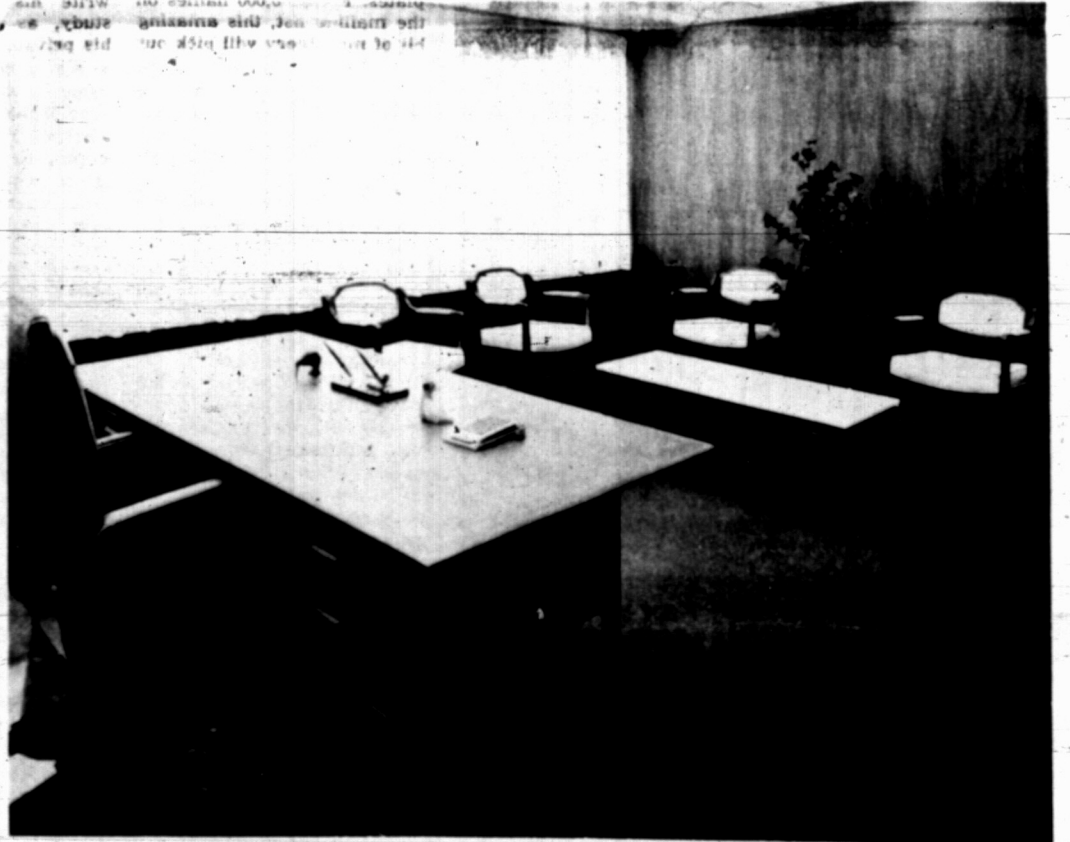
Spacious entrance provides dramatic night view



Auditorium



Executive Committee Room



Office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Interior lobby of main floor



Part of parking area



# Building Tour

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Convention at Columbus, the one and only time it met in Mississippi. Also, various objects will be borrowed from the Historical Commission, for display here, from time to time. Rows of shelves are filled with tracts. A convenient table invites anyone who wishes to stop a while for research. Sliding glass doors open onto Joseph Court. In this quiet, restful, blue and white room, as you lift your eyes to the sky above the tiny garden, do you not feel the nearness of the Creator? and a surge of gratitude to Him?

Quietly we re-cross the lobby and enter the chapel, or more accurately, the auditorium. Blue opera seats face the glass wall that opens onto Rebecca Court. The draperies here are white, as they are in all the numerous windows. The black Yamaha piano was made in Japan. A screen for slide or film viewing is installed to drop from the ceiling. Behind this room is plenty of storage space for hymnals and other equipment, and behind that a small kitchenette for serving coffee to Board members and other groups who meet in the auditorium. All furniture and equipment for the auditorium were gifts from Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Touchstone of Jackson, as a memorial to their two sons, architect and consulting engineer in early plans for the building, both of whom died in a plane crash.

Also on the first floor are the offices of Purchasing Agent and Building Superintendent, Printing, Mailing, Central Storage, and the gigantic boiler room.

Printing Department is packed with machines, such as folding machine, typing machine, paper cutter, printing presses, platemaker, copying machine, and postage machine.

The Mailing Department (not to be confused with the Baptist Record Mailing Department) now has an up-to-date Addresser-Printer with a programming feature which allows for coding a d d e s plates. From 40,000 names on the mailing list, this amazing bit of machinery will pick out pastors, Training Union directors, Sunday school superintendents, Brotherhood directors, or whatever particular group to whom the mailing is being sent. Listed by associations in sleek new filing cabinets are 16,000 Baptist deacons' names, and addresses.

We go by elevator to the second floor, with its white walls, black window and door trim, yellow doors, and yellow chairs. You will find that the third floor has green doors and green chairs, and the fourth has green doors, of a darker hue, and orange chairs. Chairs are interchangeable from floor to floor as desired.

In the northwest corner suite, on second floor, is the office of the executive secretary, Dr. Chester L. Quarles. The main office, with two walls of windows and two walls of wood paneling, was furnished by gifts from Dr. Quarles' former employers: black Italian marble bookends from Newton Baptist Church, Newton, Alabama, his first pastorate; desk and credenza from First Church, Leland, Miss.; four occasional chairs upholstered in white, from the Alabama Baptist state

convention; a white marble-top table of the famed Sylacauga marble, from First Church, Sylacauga, Alabama; black desk chair, from the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

We walk through Dr. Quarles' inner office and study to the Executive Room, meeting place of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board. When you open the door, be prepared, for the startling beauty may strike you breathless.

The windowless walls are paneled in wood, stained with a special walnut finish to match the long conference table, and all other tables and desks in the building. Portraits now are being painted of all Mississippi Baptist Convention Board executive secretaries, past and present. These will decorate the walls. (No other pictures are to be hung anywhere in the structure.) Vivid yellow and orange chairs on a gold carpet against the paneled walls offer an unforgettable visual experience. These and other furnishings in the room were all gifts from special donors.

One day Dr. W. A. Criswell of First Church, Dallas, was visiting in the new building, and Dr. Quarles showed him the Executive Room. He pointed out to his guest that the huge conference table was from Wichita Falls, Texas. Dr. Criswell shot back, "Oh, no, there's not a tree that large within five hundred miles of Wichita Falls!"

On the second floor are also the office of the Annuity Board representative, the Baptist Foundation, the Baptist Record, the business offices of the Convention Board, and the Department of Work with National Baptists.

Through the door of the Baptist Foundation suite we glimpse a calculator and adding machine, and a carved wooden Bible stand, from India.

The Baptist Record Editorial Department is on the northeast corner. The editor, Dr. Joe T. Odle, has his private "inner sanctum" where he may retire to study or to write his editorials. This study, as you see, contains his private library, with hundreds of books on dozens of subjects. Also in this suite is a special make-up room for the weekly "paste-ups" of the Baptist Record.

The Baptist Record Mailing Department is on second, southeast. Though the papers are actually mailed at Thornton's Publishers on Congress Street, the subscriptions are taken here, and addresses kept up to date. Circulation last week was 108,326.

Perhaps you have already noted the lighted display windows? Every department has one. Did you see the carved black elephants and the tiny thatched boat from Africa? That window is outside the entrance to the Department of Work with National Baptists.

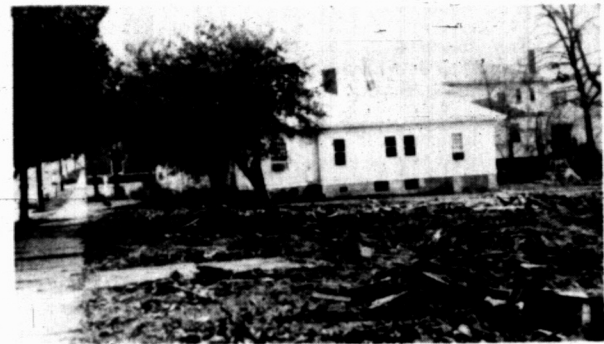
Let's tour the Convention Board business offices. Would you like to peek into the vault? As you see, the bookkeepers' offices are separated by plexiglas partitions. Their newest machine is the IBM keypunch which works with the computer at Mississippi College, and saves a vast amount of work, in bookkeeping connected with the gifts from the churches. Also, the MC computer now writes the payroll checks for the Convention Board.

Shall we take the stairway



SEVEN OLD HOUSES and an apartment house - business establishment occupy the building site.

## The Construction Story



THE OLD HOUSES are in splinters, all except one.



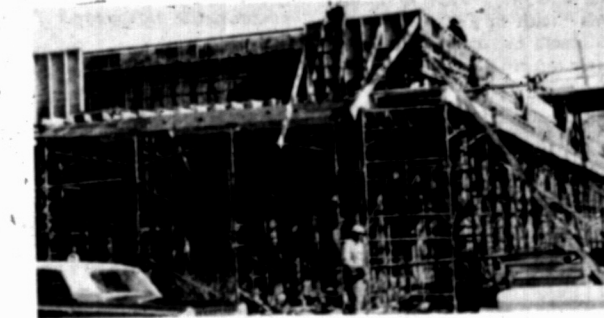
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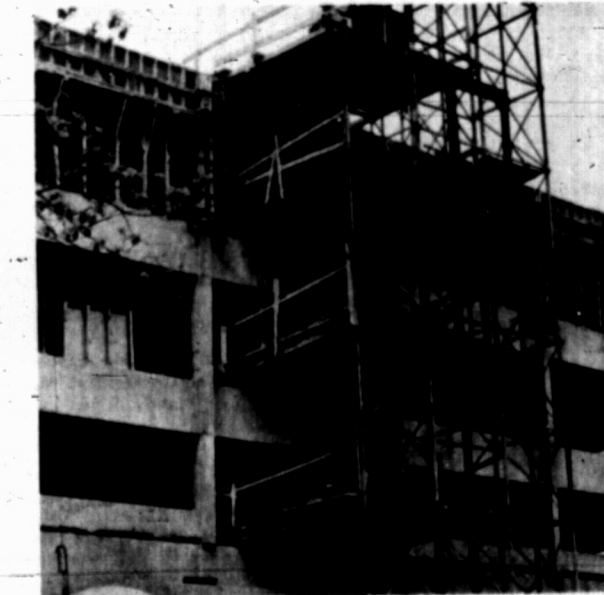
BULLDOZERS clear the way.



THE foundation is almost complete.



THE second floor goes up.



WORKERS reach fourth floor by way of the scaffold.



THE roof goes on.

## BUILDING DIRECTORY

### First Floor

Lobby  
Printing  
Mailing  
Tracts  
Historical Exhibit  
Auditorium  
Courts  
Mechanical  
Storage  
Restroom  
Library  
Building Superintendent  
Purchasing

### Second Floor

Personnel  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Business Office  
Executive Committee Room  
Mississippi Baptist Foundation  
Annuity Board Representative  
The Baptist Record  
Department of Work with National Baptists

### Third Floor

Department of Student Work  
Sunday School Department

Training Union Department  
Church Music Department  
Evangelism Department  
Stewardship Department  
Meeting Rooms

### Fourth Floor

Snack Room  
WMU Department  
Cooperative Missions Department  
Brotherhood Department  
Christian Action Commission  
Meeting Room



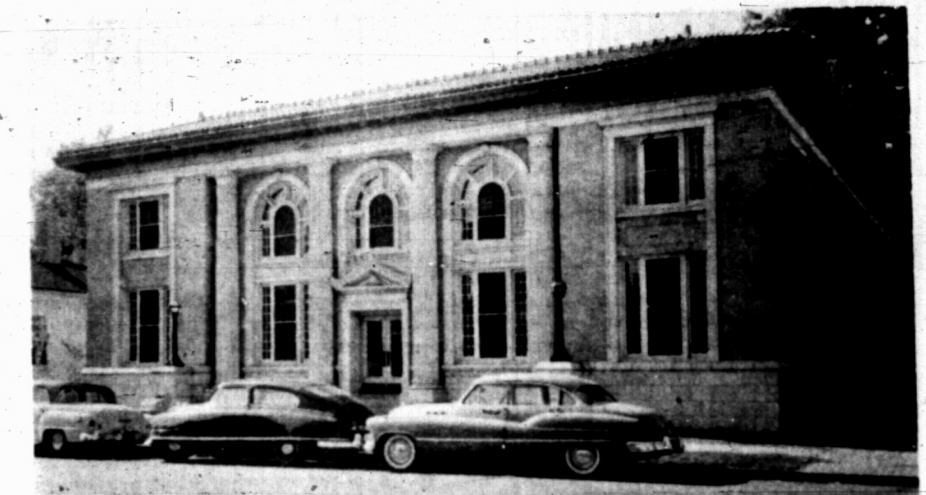
INTERIOR partitions, July 27, 1967, are in the process, but not yet finished.



THE BRICK is laid for the walls of the outer courts.



First Baptist Building, corner of Capitol and President.



Second Baptist Building, Corner of Mississippi and Congress.

## A Brief Look Backward

The "Convention of the Baptist Denomination of the State of Mississippi" was constituted on the afternoon of December 24, 1836, at the "Meeting House" of the old Clear Creek Baptist Church at Washington, in Adams County.

At the time of this action, Mississippi Baptists had 122 churches and 4,287 members.

Delegates (now called messengers) to this meeting had gathered on the previous day from several churches to form a convention for "missionary purposes, and other objects connected with the Redeemer's Kingdom on Earth—particularly in the State of Mississippi."

The moving spirit in organizing the 1836 convention was Ashley Vaughn, a young man from West Troy, New York, who had come to the state in 1833 as an appointive missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

In 1836, he also launched single-handedly the Southwestern Religious Luminary, a publication through which he generated much enthusiasm for the organization of the convention.

It is interesting to note that

to third, rather than wait for the elevator? On this floor are Evangelism, Stewardship, Student Work, Sunday School, Training Union, and Music. There is a conference room

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at the time of this convention constituted by Mississippi Baptists, Natchez was the largest incorporated town in the state, with a population of 3,731.

Vicksburg was next, with 2,796 and Columbus was third, with 1,448. Jackson had 520 inhabitants, while nearby Clinton boasted 613.

The first Baptists arriving in the state had settled near Natchez in 1780. They came from the Great Pee Dee Valley in South Carolina and brought their church letters with them.

Under the leadership of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr., the first Baptist church in the state—Cole's Creek, later called Salem—was constituted in October, 1791. The site was about halfway between the present towns of Fayette and Washington.

Baptist life thus began to grow. In 1822, a state convention was organized but was dissolved in 1829 because of opposition. The present convention, however, organized in 1836 as described previously, has grown consistently through the years.

The first Baptist school in the state affiliated with the convention was Judson Institute, located near Raymond. It was begun in 1836 but failed in 1847.

In 1850, the citizens of Clinton leased control of Mississippi College to the Baptists of Mississippi, and in 1869 gave to the denomination "the unconditional ownership of the college."

In 1918, the convention acquired The Baptist Record as its official publication and retained Dr. P. I. Lipsey as editor. The publication was originally launched by the convention in 1877 but had later passed into private hands.

Now in its 132nd year, the Mississippi Baptist Convention continues its phenomenal growth. At present 1,877 churches with a total membership of 518,000, cooperate with the Convention.

Institutions supported directly by the Convention include: Mississippi College, Clinton; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain; William Carey College, Hattiesburg; Clarke Memorial College, Newton; Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; Baptist Hospital, Jackson; and Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

One assembly and two camps are owned and supported by Mississippi Baptists, namely Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and Camp Kittiwake at Pass Christian and Camp Garaywa, the W. M. U. facility at Clinton.

Today, the Convention maintains a comprehensive program of missions, education and benevolences, both for the state and a substantial share in the world mission program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To emphasize the progress made in recent years, in 1950 total mission gifts were \$1,278,946, while in 1967 total mission gifts soared to \$5,615,241. The grand total of church offerings in 1950 was \$6,540,408, compared to \$32,103,660 in 1967.

Since its affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention in 1846, the Mississippi Baptist Convention has "enjoyed a close and mutually helpful relationship with the SBC. Today, churches cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention are located in every one of the 50 states.

There are 29 cooperating state conventions, with a total membership in 1967 of 11,142,726. Churches number 34,147. Mission gifts in 1967 totaled \$120,454,969, while the grand total of all church offerings reached \$711,775,365.

As a part of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Mississippi Convention cooperates in promoting a program of missions, education and benevolences throughout the United States and around the world through various boards, agencies, institutions, commissions and committees.



AND THE THIRD Baptist Building is complete.



## The Baptist Record

Largest Circulation of Any Newspaper  
Of Any Kind In Mississippi  
JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### For God And The Denomination

Mississippi Baptists have erected a new building for the glory of God, and for the service of the denomination.

It is being depicted for you in this week's issue of the Baptist Record, and, even though it actually has been in use for several weeks, the official formal opening will be held next Tuesday, July 2, and Baptists and others are cordially invited to come to visit it.

There has been need for a larger building for a number of years. The growth of the Convention Board's work demanded it, and as is explained elsewhere, it was not feasible to enlarge the old building.

When it was realized that the only solution to the need was a new building, plans began to develop which finally culminated in the present structure. The full story of those developments is given elsewhere in this issue of the Record so they do not need to be repeated here.

However, no person who was present at the meeting of the state convention three years ago, when the Building Committee Chairman, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, made the recommendation and report of the committee and the Convention Board, will ever forget that dramatic hour, and the exciting moment when the plans were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the messengers.

Action followed rapidly, as architectural plans were completed, and construction contracts awarded. The site was cleared, the foundations were laid, and the new building began to rise. A dream was being fulfilled.

Now the building is completed. The Convention Board departments moved into it several months ago, even before all of the work was completed and all of the furnishings were in. Now all of the adjustments of moving are completed, and the whole building is ready for the public to see.

It is a beautiful building, modern in its architectural concept, and attractive without being ornate.

It is a functional building, planned for the most effective accomplishment with efficiency and speed of the work of the Convention Board, and some other Mississippi Baptist Convention agencies.

It is a building so erected that future expansion can be made at nominal cost. For example, the foundation and super-structure are such that three extra floors can be added, without making any major changes in the present building. Yet, the present building is complete in itself, and even provides for growth for every department, the addition of at least two or three other departments, and for changes of rooms within departments, should that ever become necessary, at the very minimum cost.

The building has been attractively furnished, and gifts from many individuals have provided special equipment or furnishings for the chapel, the executive committee room, the executive secretary-treasurer's office, and some other areas.

Even though the building will not be dedicated un-

til the state convention meeting in November, it is being officially opened now, and we extend congratulations to all of those who have had a part in bringing it to completion.

We congratulate the Convention Board, the Executive Committee, the Building Committee and its advisory members, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention Board, for a job well done.

We congratulate the architectural firms of Spain and Biggers, T. N. Touchstone and Associates (two of whose members have their participation cut short by their tragic deaths in an air crash), and the consultant firm of Caudill, Rowlett and Scott of Houston, Texas, for planning a building of such beauty and utility.

We congratulate the various construction firms for the speed and efficiency with which they did their work, and the suppliers who worked so effectively with the committee in equipping the building.

We congratulate Business Manager A. L. Nelson on the efficient way he handled much of the detail work of the Building Committee, and also for the expeditious manner in which he directed the move of the departments from the old building to the new.

We congratulate Building Superintendent Clyde P. Williams and his staff for the splendid way they are caring for the building and its operation.

We congratulate Mississippi Baptists for making such a building possible to bless the work of the convention, the churches and all Mississippi Baptists, for long years to come.

Now the building is finished, and as one views it, he feels within his heart that it is "for the glory of God", and that it will most effectively serve the needs of the denomination.

We join with Dr. Quarles and the Building Committee in inviting you to come to see us next Tuesday, or whenever you can.

### A Spiritual Opportunity

Baptists and other people of the Jackson area, and many miles beyond, have one of the greatest spiritual opportunities of many years, in the Greater Jackson Crusade which has been scheduled for the Mississippi Coliseum, July 7-14.

The evangelist will be Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio-TV Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and considered by many to be one of the great preachers in America today.

There will be a large crusade choir under the direction of James Davis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Miss Joan Shelton of the Baptist Hour Choir will be featured soloist.

Baptist churches of the Jackson area have united in this mighty revival effort, the first such general crusade which we remember being held here since the Billy Graham campaign of the early 1950's. This meeting should not be missed by any Baptist or other Christian who is interested in the preaching of the gospel, the winning of souls, and the spiritual strengthening of Christians and churches.

Plan now to attend this revival and bring others with you. Make every effort to see that lost people, both young and old, are invited to attend.

Never has the world, the nation, or our state, need-

ed revival more than right now, and all of us should pray that this crusade may bring great spiritual renewal to Jackson and the entire area.

### Farewell And Hail

We join with other Baptists of the state in saying farewell to Dr. Richard A. McLemore, as far as his leadership of Mississippi College is concerned, and hail to the new president, Dr. W. Lewis Nobles, who begins his work on July 1.

Dr. McLemore has given tremendous leadership to the institution. Under his direction, according to reports in the press, assets have more than trebled, enrollment has grown by more than 50%, and eight major building programs have been completed, with other buildings renovated. In addition, the endowment has increased 58%; and the faculty and staff has been expanded more than 40%.

Moreover, the curriculum of the school has been greatly strengthened, with new divisions established, graduate programs added, and all departments enlarged.

A long range planning program, looking far into the future, has been adopted, and already the groundwork for some of that expansion, such as the athletic complex has begun.

As a professional educator, Dr. McLemore has added much to the standing Mississippi College already had in the field of higher learning, and as a dedicated Christian leader, he has kept the institution solidly Christian and positively Baptist, exactly as Mississippi Baptists desired that he do.

Of course, in all of this, Dr. McLemore has worked under the direction of, and with the assistance of, a Board of Trustees comprised of outstanding Baptist pastors and laymen and women from over the state, and with the full support of Mississippi Baptists and an ever growing alumni.

Dr. McLemore is not leaving denominational service, since already he has accepted leadership of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, effective July 1. We understand that one of his projects in the new position will be to write a new history of Mississippi Baptists. Such a history is greatly needed, since the last such publication appeared nearly 40 years ago. As a historian and historical author himself, and as a co-author with Mrs. McLemore and others, of books of history, Dr. McLemore comes eminently prepared for this task.

We congratulate him on a job well done at Mississippi College, and wish for him the richest blessings of God as he enters his new duties.

At the same time, we join with other Mississippi Baptists in welcoming Dr. Lewis W. Nobles to the position as president of our oldest senior college. He brings to the position a solid Baptist background, thorough professional training, and the educational leadership experience so much needed for directing the destinies of a great educational institution in these difficult times. We wish for him, too, the richest blessings of God, and the support of every Mississippi Baptist, as he shoulders the responsibilities now laid upon him, and accepts the torch of leadership passed to him from other hands.



Coroner S. R. Gerber of Cleveland, Ohio has compiled data over a 20-year period (1943 through 1962) on tests for the presence of alcohol in every case where the victim was over 15 years of age and survived less than 24 hours following injury or the onset of fatal sickness. Alcohol proved to be present in the blood of

40.0% of victims of violence  
11.0% of industrial-accident victims  
26.7% of suicides  
44.0% of vehicular fatalities  
63.8% of homicide victims

Moreover, these figures do not tell the whole story since victims surviving longer than 24 hours metabolize the alcohol so that virtually none is present at death.

During 1966, the last year for which the figures have been released, tests showed alcohol present in the blood of

38.5% of victims of home accidents  
14.3% of victims of industrial accidents  
50.0% of victims of vehicular accidents  
27.5% of victims of other accidents  
56.8% of homicides  
34.5% of suicides  
16.8% of victims of violence — undetermined origin  
10.7% of deaths of natural causes

Dr. Gerber, commenting on this report, says that human conscience, intellect and "common sense" disappear promptly when exposed to alcohol. He went on to say, "Insight, discretion, rational thought processes and the ability to make wise and reasonable decisions, are always vitiated, never enhanced, by the use of alcohol."—National Liberty Ins. Co.

we had no educational director.

Last week's Record stated that next to Broadmoor's recent high attendance was that of Calvary, with 1900 in attendance.

Sincerely,  
Gladys Clement  
Secretary,  
First Church, Jackson

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

July 1 — Billy Tabor, Winston associational Training Union director; E. K. Sadler, Yazoo associational Sunday school supt.

July 2 — James McElroy, Clarke faculty; Mrs. W. Martin Smith, vice-president, WMU, District VIII.

July 3 — Mrs. Mary Holyfield, assistant director, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Dorman Laird, Baptist student director, Carey College.

July 4 — Joel D. Ray, supt. of missions, Lebanon Assn.; W. Harold Anderson, supt. of missions, Lee County.

July 5 — Clarence Cutrel, Baptist Building; Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Baptist Building; Mrs. Trudie Mills, Baptist Building.

July 6 — Kathleen Wright, Baptist Book Store; Lawrence Jones, staff, Children's Village.

July 7 — Gertrude Lippert, Miss. College faculty; Mrs. Frances Maxey, Blue Mountain faculty.

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### Missionary Families Return To Vietnam

Most Southern Baptist missionary wives and children who were evacuated from Vietnam to Bangkok, Thailand, in February have now returned to Vietnam.

"Our families left in the midst of battle and, as things turned out, they returned in the midst of battle," writes Rev. James F. Humphries, pastor of the English-language Baptist church in Saigon. "But God has called us to witness here in Vietnam, and until he calls elsewhere I'm sure this is where we should be."

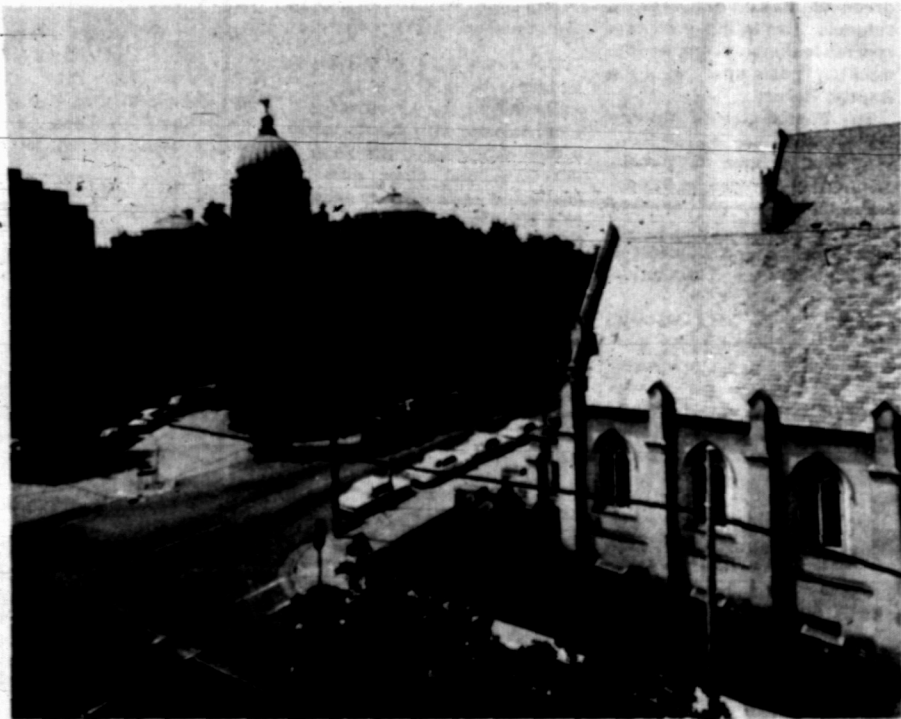
In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Humphries and their children, missionary families in Saigon are Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Davis, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Ronald W. Fuller, and Rev. and Mrs. James M. Gayle. Mrs. Samuel F. Longbottom, Jr., and her children are in Saigon, but Mr. Longbottom is in Dalat, Vietnam.

Rev. Samuel M. James is also in Saigon, but Mrs. James and their children are still in Bangkok, as of the latest report received by the Foreign Mission Board. Some other Vietnamese MKs (missionary kids) remain in Bangkok in school. Rev. and Mrs. H. Earl Bengs, Jr., missionary appointees, are studying the Vietnamese language in Bangkok, and Mary Kay Johnson, a missionary journeyman, is also presumed to still be there.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers, Jr., and James Bobo, a journeyman, are in Danang, Vietnam. Rev. and Mrs. Ronald D. Merrell, Sr., also of Danang, plan to leave June 17 for furlough in the States.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes left for furlough June 9. Rev. and Mrs. Robert R. Compher, Rev. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter A. Routh, Jr., are also on furlough.

Foreign and home missionaries will tell about 10,000 boys 9-17 of their experiences on the mission fields at the Fourth National Royal Ambassador Congress, Aug. 13-15 in Oklahoma City.



View of State Capitol, looking from Snack Room window on fourth floor.

### Newest In Books

OUTLINE STUDIES OF ISAIAH by Paul Tassell (Baker, paperback, 77 pp., \$1.00)  
Outlines for each of the chapters of Isaiah, prepared by the author as he preached through that book in his pastoral ministry.

SERMON OUTLINES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS by Frank J. Boyer (Baker, paperback, 114 pp., \$1.50)  
Sermon outlines for many occasions, such as holidays, seasons of the year, and special events.

SERMON OUTLINES AND ILLUSTRATIONS by Alfred L. Greenway (Baker, 94 pp., paperback, \$1.00)  
A series of useful outlines for sermons, each accompanied by a story designed to illustrate the central truth of the preceding outline.

FUN WITH AMERICAN LITERATURE by Churchill and Blair (Abingdon, 254 pp., \$4.95)  
A rare combination of entertainment and information that

will demonstrate just how exciting American literature can be as its rich heritage is explored through games and quizzes. A companion volume to FUN WITH AMERICAN HISTORY. E. Richard and Linda Churchill, and Edward H. and Kay Reynolds Blair are vital young writers, and they are all school teachers.

THE BOOK OF JONAH by Don H. Hillis (Baker, 71 pp., paper, \$1.50)

One of Baker's Shield Bible Study Outline series. Valuable general materials, plus verse by verse commentary. Room provided for notes during study.

BIBLE OBJECT LESSONS by Eric W. Haydes; SPELL 'EM AND TELL 'EM BIBLE QUIZZES by John Bechtel; GUESS MY NAME? BIBLE QUIZZES by Mabel H. Nance; TRUE OR FALSE? BIBLE QUIZZES by F. Herbert Moeblmann; BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLES by Helen Pettigrew; CLOVERLEAF

CROSSWORD PUZZLES by Grace Vander Klau; BIBLE WORD PUZZLES by Grace Vander Klau; SCIENCE OBJECT LESSONS by Robert H. Lauer; KITCHEN OBJECT LESSONS by Sylvia Mattson; YOUTH OBJECT LESSONS by Frank C. Riley; BIBLE CODEWORDS by Grace Vander Klau; BIBLE ADVENTURE QUIZZES by F. Herbert Moeblmann (Zondervan, 66 cents each, all paperback booklets)

This new series of Bible quizzes, puzzles, and object lessons will be interesting to any age group, but will be of particular value to workers with Juniors, in teaching Bible lessons.

SUGGESTIVE SERMON OUTLINES by R. A. Torrey (Baker, paperback, 71 pp., \$1.00)

These outlines have been carefully selected from the published sermons of such great men as R. A. Torrey, D. L. Moody, and C. H. Spurgeon.

### The Baptist Forum

#### SEEKS INFO ON ANCESTOR

Dear Mr. Odle:

Your name and address were sent to me by a lady who saw my ad in a Mississippi genealogy column. Any information on my ancestor, Daniel C. McCaulley, who was ordained at Steens Creek Baptist Church (now Florence Baptist Church) in October, 1845. It was filed at Brandon, Rankin County, December, 1845.

Daniel McCaulley was born 1824 in Mississippi. If his baptism records can be located, perhaps it will name his parents. His wife's maiden name was Ellen Parker. Perhaps a record of this marriage, (about 1841), will be in a church file. I don't believe they lived in Rankin County, though.

I received replies from Mississippi State Department of Archives and History, also Mississippi Historical Society, and Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, which gave no information, as evidently records of the Steens

Creek Church before 1857 were lost by fire. I suspect Madison County, or some other county besides Rankin, was their residence, so am hopeful of finding some record. I have most of the later life of my ancestor. I believe he went to Louisiana about 1847. I know he was in Texas, 1856, until his death in 1912.

I will be most grateful for any information.

Mrs. Wanda McCaulley  
Loomis  
904 Bradley Street  
Visalia, California, 93277

#### S. S. AT FBC HAD 2063 IN 1950

Dear Dr. Odle:

With Dr. Hudgins' permission, just to set the record straight, this bit of information on high attendance in Sunday School.

On April 2, 1950, First Baptist, Jackson, had a Sunday School attendance of 2063. Mr. W. G. Watson, now deceased, was the superintendent, and

### Baptist Chapel Hit In Saigon Fighting

By James F. Humphries

SAIGON, VIETNAM — June 8 — Bay Hien, the newest Baptist chapel in Saigon, has become a "veteran." Dedication services had hardly ended when the Vietcong launched their May offensive against the city, with the Bay Hien area bearing the brunt of one of their major drives.

The chapel building was hit by enemy fire a number of times. The greatest damage was done by a mortar shell which made a direct hit on the roof, a small rocket round which hit the front of the building, and small arms fire which peppered the building from all sides.

Ly Cu; a ministerial student

who lives in the chapel on weekends, sat huddled on the main floor during the attack. Though the heat and shrapnel from the exploding mortar gave him some anxious moments, he says, "I was not afraid because God was with me."

More than 40 persons, many of them children, were killed in the chapel area, and approximately 200 were wounded.

At present the chapel is being used as a center for distribution of food to refugees and as a post for a radio lookout team from the South Vietnamese army. It is hoped that evangelistic services can soon be resumed.



## Building Tour

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on each of the three top floors. Music Department has a combination conference room-music library. Let's step in there for a minute and look at the music magazines, records, and sheet music. Don't you think their display window is colorful? Red covers on the music study course books, the little red xylophone, the gold Judges' Trophies to be presented at the State Baptist Music Tournament. And look at the little piano!

Through the door of the Evangelism Department you can see a world globe on a low table. It is symbolic of the Christian's soul-winning task, and of the current emphasis on the Crusade of the Americas.

Stewardship Department has a Cooperative Program poster in the window.

Sunday School Department has a small sailboat on display, advertising Gulfshore Sunday School weeks.

Student Work Department has room for three associates and two additional secretaries in future. A Convention-wide study of student work is being made, which may mean major changes and significant enlargement in this field.

In every department there are extra offices for associates who may be added in the future. Storage space is plentiful, with large walk-in rooms lined with shelves. In fact, compared with the old building, storage is boundless! Practically one-fourth of the fourth floor, which may be used for office space in future, is now available for storage of furniture and equipment.

Now let's visit fourth floor and stop at the offices of the Christian Action Commission, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and Cooperative Missions Department. Brotherhood has acquired a movable pegboard bulletin board to advertise their program of work. This is in addition to the display window.

Around the corner to the northwest is the WMU Department. That arrangement of Oriental objects is one of the most attractive displays in the building, don't you think? And directly in front of you there as you enter this department is an elegant decorative screen from Korea, brought to the States by the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Parks Marler. This suite has a private kitchen and dining area for special WMU luncheon meetings. Dr. Edwina Robinson has made her office especially fascinating by decorating with objects she has collected on her world travels.

In the southeast corner of fourth floor we visit the Cooperative Missions Department. Note the window display, using black letters against a bur-lap background, "Long-Range Planning Conference." Dr. Foy Rogers, the director of this department, has an office in the corner. Open the drapes and you can see the Coliseum, and in the blue distance, the trees along the banks of the Pearl River.

The last stop is the Snack Room. Would you consider it the best? If you are tired, have a seat in one of the yellow chairs at one of the five circular white vinyl-topped tables. You may order coffee, doughnuts, soft drinks, candy, or ice cream.

Don't you think the electric stove and refrigerator are nice? The building employees may buy a light luncheon here any day they wish.

Before you leave, look out the window, at the First Baptist Church, and across the treetops to the State Capitol. Is not the view unexcelled?

Quickly we return by elevator to the ground floor. As you leave, see if you can visualize a revolving world globe there by the front walk. It would be about shoulder high, and lighted from within, with holes pierced for all mission points of the Southern Baptist Convention. When a new mission point is established, then a new hole would be punched. Can you, in imagination, see the globe? The electrical outlet is already there, waiting for it. There is another opportunity for a memorial gift.

As you have toured this building, you have been a welcomed guest, and we hope that you will return soon. Those who work here honestly and humbly hope that the quality of their service may measure up to the quality of the building.



Business office area



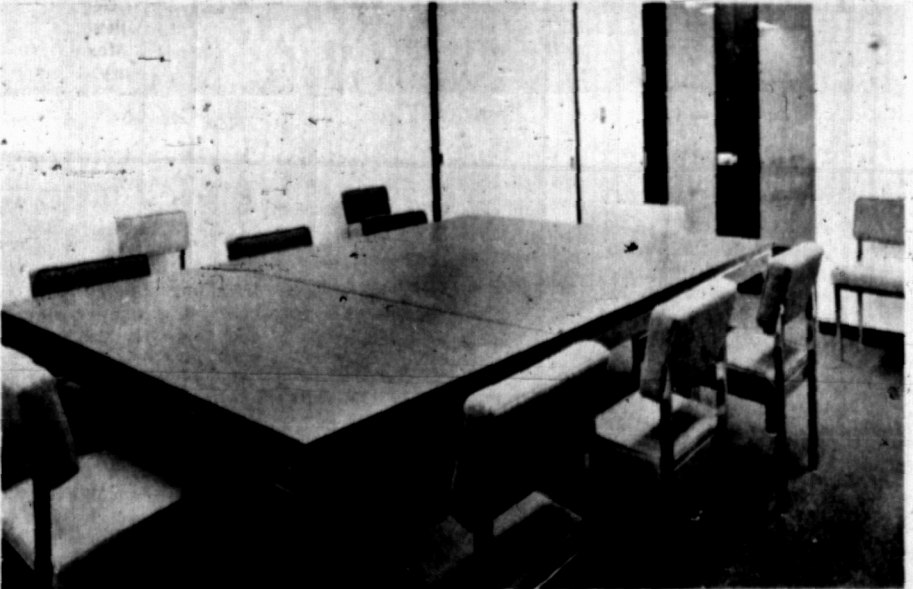
Typical office suite



Typical department director's office



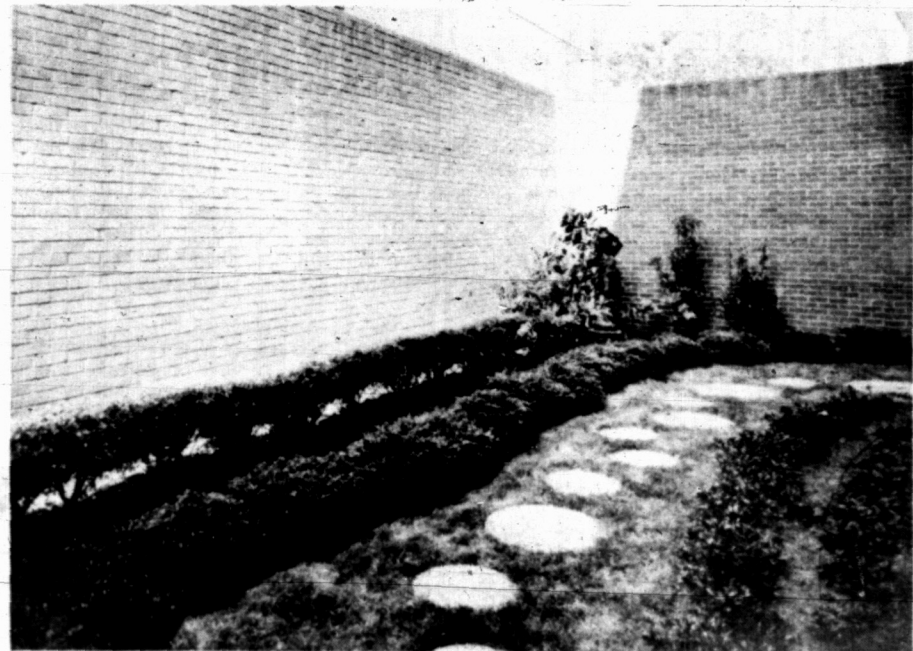
Printing Department



Typical Conference room



Joseph Court (to the west)



Rebecca Court (to the east)



W. M. U. Department



Lobby plaques commemorate building's planning and construction



# Conservatism, Social Blended

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out by a vigorous and balanced blending of conservative and progressive outlook, of evangelism and ethics, of faith and works, of attitude and action, of love and labor," wrote Florida Baptist Witness Editor Guy St. Francis.

"There was no lessening of emphasis upon the necessity for a gospel of individual salvation by grace through faith in Christ, but there was an increase of emphasis on our need to become involved in the demonstration of the gospel by our active participation in ministering to others for whom Christ died but whom we have too long neglected," the Florida editorial said.

Editor J. Marse Grant of the BIBLICAL Recorder in North Carolina called the passage of the racial crisis statement "a victory for moderation, tolerance and understanding," and a defeat for "provincialism, racism, and prejudice." Both Grant and Editor Al Shackelford of the Indiana Baptist compared the passage of the strong race statement to adoption of a watered-down substitute statement by the SBC in Atlantic City in 1964, saying, in Grant's words, "the tide is too strong (now) to go backward as they did in 1964 in Atlantic City."

**Says Baptists 'Reborn'**  
Editor C. R. Daley of the Western Recorder in Kentucky observed in an editorial that Southern Baptists "were reborn" in Houston with passage of the race statement.

"More than any time since the convention's beginning in 1845, Southern Baptists delivered themselves from the stance of identification with a culture that condoned racial inferiority for Negroes and a position of silence on social issues," said Daley.

The California Southern Baptist, in an editorial by J. Terry Young, cited the significance of the statement's calling for action by the SBC Home Mission Board and other convention agencies to deal with the racial crisis, calling this "the strongest stand the convention has ever taken on social responsibility."

The California editorial interpreted the 72.85% majority vote approving passage of the statement as an indication that the SBC is moving toward the center in a proper balance between faith and works, words and deeds, proclamation and performance.

Differing views were expressed in the editorials interpreting the significance of amendments and changes made to the statement on the racial crisis.

Editorials in the Oklahoma and Mississippi papers said that the amendments drastically altered the first draft of the statement, as signed by 71 top SBC leaders, while the Kentucky paper said editorially that the statement was adopted "without serious alteration" with only one minor amendment from the convention floor.

The Oklahoma and Mississippi editorials said that the section on "Confession" was sharply changed to eliminate any confession of corporate Southern Baptist guilt of racism.

In a 4-point analysis of changes in the original statement, the South Carolina Baptist Courier noted these changes in the statement: it is milder in tone, especially on the guilt aspect; it reviews past SBC efforts on behalf of the underprivileged; it urges observance of law and order by minority groups; and it calls for the Home Mission

Board instead of a task force to take action.

Left in tact were admonitions for Southern Baptist churches and associations to join the SBC in seeking a solution to the racial crisis, admonition for SBC churches to accept into worship and fellowship those of all races, and pleas for Baptists to fight racism and injustice.



Wallace E. Johnson

## N. O. Seminary

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that Mr. Johnson has agreed to lead our campaign," said Dr. Eddleman. "He is one of the finest Christian laymen in the United States and a great credit to specific Christian causes in America."

"He received the Churchman of the Year award from Religious Heritage of America, Inc., in 1965 for his outstanding contributions to mankind."

"He is national chairman of National Bible Week this year and received the Horatio Alger award last month. Yesterday a Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on him by Gordon College, Wrentham, Massachusetts, for his significant contributions to American life."

Of the \$2 million, Dr. Eddleman said \$1 million will be used to underwrite four areas of teaching at \$250,000 each. These will be specialized emphases in the disciplines of preaching, evangelism, missions and Old Testament.

The other \$1 million will underwrite critical aspects of student aid. Dr. Eddleman said this would allow students to serve in churches and in other areas of Christian service over a broad geographical area.

"One of our greatest problems is in student aid," he said. "Every week one or more students is faced with a financial crisis and would have to drop out of the Seminary if we did not extend help."

The campaign will begin with a kick-off banquet at 6 p. m. October 4 at the Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard.

"The \$2 million campaign will assist the Seminary in its active dynamic program of training Christian leaders," Dr. Eddleman said. "No denominational prerequisites are required for admissions. Of the numerous religious groups represented currently, two are Indian Orthodox students from India. This Fiftieth Anniversary campaign comes at a time when biblically oriented truth and its relevance for modern problems is more urgent than ever."

For additional information: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Area Code 504; 282-2658.

Several editors commented on the election of conservative W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, as convention president; although more editorial comment was devoted to the adoption of the race statement than any other convention business.

Observing that Criswell had not been given a fair shake by the press, Illinois Baptist Editor Robert Hastings said he was encouraged by statements Criswell made in a press conference to the effect that he had mellowed on the race issue, and that his views had changed.

Editorials in the North Carolina and Arkansas papers echoed this view with Editor McDonald of the Arkansas Baptist News magazine stating: "The election of Criswell, one who has had the reputation of being a segregationist, was viewed by some as paradoxical. But whatever Criswell has been in the past, he is now avowedly not a segregationist."

Several editorials cited the significance of the convention's refusal, in an unofficial straw vote, to approve of changing the denomination's name, and the convention's concern over the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy of New York.

**No Mood To Change Name**  
"The assassination of Sen. Kennedy seemed to overshadow the convention," wrote Louisiana Baptist Messenger Editor James Cole.

Editorials in the Louisiana, Florida, and Oregon-Washington state papers noted that the convention was in no mood to change its name as reflected in an unofficial straw vote in which 68.7% favored the present name.

"If this says to the (Executive) Committee studying a possible change what it says to us," observed Florida Editor Stracener, "then changing the name can be forgotten for a good while to come, while we give that attention to more urgent matters."

Even though the convention refused to change its name, it is none the less changing, observed Oregon-Washington Editor C. E. Boyle. "Failure to change our name does not necessarily mean that we are incurably provincial or sectional," he added.

Whether Southern Baptists really changed during the Houston convention remains to be seen, as the messengers return to their places of local service.

As Editor Jack Harwell of the Georgia Christian Index wrote, "The real test will come in the months ahead, as local churches and their members implement or ignore the appeals of the manifesto." Echoing these statements was the Baptist Message of Louisiana saying that resolutions are not enough: "There must be a full implementation of applied Christianity on a day-by-day encounter with all men." The Louisiana editorial called on Baptists to rediscover the "servant image" of the church.

Editor John Hurt of the Baptist Standard in Texas put it in even more forceful language. "Southern Baptists will be prominent in racial reform or there will be no reform."

"Southern Baptists will translate their crisis statement into action or they might as well have skipped the 1968 convention," Hurt words. "If action follows words, this could have been their finest year."



Tract and Historical Room

## Dream Becomes Reality

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and North President streets was the appropriate location for the building.

A building committee was soon appointed to proceed with the task of constructing the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building.

Named to this committee were: Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, chairman; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay of Brookhaven; and Dr. Joseph N. Triplett, then of Newton but now of Jackson.

Later an advisory committee was appointed, including Glenn Perry of Philadelphia, Dr. Clyde C. Bryan and W. P. McMullan, both of Jackson.

Two Jackson architectural firms, T. N. Touchstone, Jr. and Associates and Boyce H. Biggers and Associates, were employed to work jointly on the project.

Associated with them as architectural counsel was the Houston, Texas firm of Caudill, Rowlett and Scott.

Early planning was marred by the tragic and untimely deaths in an airplane crash of T. N. Touchstone, Jr. and his brother, William Touchstone, who had been appointed consulting engineer.

Following this tragedy, T. N. Touchstone and Associates signified their intention to continue in the partnership, and planning on the project was resumed.

After consulting Convention Board staff members as to their needs and suggestions, the Building Committee held a week-long planning meeting with all the architects involved, at which time a model for the new building was designed.

Cost estimates were projected, and the suggestion was made that additional property should be purchased if possible.

These recommendations were accepted by the Committee and adopted by a pre-convention session of the Convention Board in 1965.

On the opening night of the 1965 state Convention, the Chairman of the Building Committee presented its recommendations, including a visual presentation describing the background, needs, plans and finance procedures.

All of the recommendations were adopted without a dissenting vote. In another motion, the Executive Committee was given full power to act in all matters relative to construction of the building.

In April, 1966, detailed plans were presented to the Committee and adopted. Bids on the project were opened and awarded soon afterwards. Ground was broken on July 11, 1966, and construction began immediately.

Construction of the building was by Southeastern Construction Co., General Contractor. The electrical contract was held by Marvin L. Short, and the mechanical contract by the F. L. Cooper Plumbing and Heating Co. Many other sub-contractors participated in the construction.

In the meantime, the old building was sold to the State of Mississippi for \$120,000. These funds were designated to be used toward providing the furnishings for the new building.

Other property near the new building, facing State Street, became available, and, upon authority of the Convention Board, was purchased. The buildings on this property were demolished and the space made available for parking.

The property owned by the Sanders School also was purchased, with delivery scheduled for January, 1969.

The new Convention Building was completed in April, 1968, at which time all departments moved into their attractive quarters. It was the climax to a long-time dream.

Fifteen years ago there was no polio vaccine, and seven out of ten of the medications prescribed today were unknown.

## MASHULAVILLE OPENS HISTORICAL ROOM

Mashulaville Church (Noxubee) opened a "Historical Room" at the annual homecoming and memorial service on May 5. Actually, it is the Sunday school room used by the adult men's class, and which is furnished with some of the articles found in earlier days of the 133-year-old church.

Four of the old pews, made in 1847 and replaced 100 years later, were found and put again into service. The lectern is the old pulpit which had been replaced in 1944 by one of more graceful lines. On this lies the pulpit Bible which the church had purchased in 1846. Pictures of Sunday school classes and other groups hang on the walls.

An item of unusual interest is a lighted cabinet with glass doors and shelves, and in which are displayed many things connected with the past life of the church and of another church in the community. These include the books of the minutes of the church, a collection of hymn books dating from 1835, the deed to a part of the church property.

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by God's grace I will do. — New Outlook.

and various organization literature and publications. Especially interesting is one shelf, which has the glass decanter used for the wine in the observance of the Lord's Supper in the 1880's and '90's, and a spittoon used in the church during the same period. A vase and water goblet from the pulpit of the old Presbyterian church (now inactive) are also displayed. There are also old pictures, church resolutions, a church letter of dismissal of 1869, and such objects on exhibit.

"It is hoped that by such a display the members of the church will become more interested in preserving its history, and that all will acquire a greater knowledge of the past of the church, and a keener appreciation of its vital and dominant role in the lives of its people," says Rev. Frank W. Rush, pastor.

## Harold Fisher Loses Father

E. H. Fisher, father of E. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College, died in Tallulah, La. Wednesday, June 19.

Funeral services were in Tallulah, La., Friday morning and interment was in Winona Friday afternoon.



FIRST CHURCH, BOONEVILLE. Rev. Tom Rayburn, pastor, used GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP in February. The offerings have increased approximately \$400.00 weekly. "Our people have responded unusually well. In addition to the budget, we have been in a building fund drive," Rev. Rayburn said.

## GLORIETA CHURCH HAS NO ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS

GLORIETA, N. M. — Glorieta Baptist Church has no adult choir; nine youngsters, ages eight to fifteen, make up the choir.

The fact, however, that this choir is made up of children, does not hinder it from using adult music. The Broadman Press Easter cantata, "Man of Sorrows," by Gordon Young, was presented by this choir last month. The choir members, coming from four Glorieta families, are led by Mark Short Jr., manager of Glorieta Baptist Assembly. They include Short's five children; Mark III, 15; Marla, 14; Marty, 10; Marvin and Marlon, 8; pastor Darrel Tapley's children, Nancy, 14, and James, 12; Jeanie Hasteley, 15 and Sylvia Wyche, 8.

Tapley said it is difficult to develop the quality program that most of the members have enjoyed in larger churches. "With a small nucleus, it is sometimes difficult to attract certain age groups," he said. He believes that this choir group gives the Glorieta children the awareness that they are making a vital contribution to the Lord's work. They also attract people who might not otherwise be reached, he said.

The minister said that his church is seeking to develop a church program that people

from any church could be happy to be a part of. He added that the young choir helps to make Glorieta this type of church.

About 1868 Christopher Sholes created the first practical typewriter. It typed only capital letters.

Besides the light bulb, Thomas Edison, the "Wizard of Menlo Park," patented 1,092 inventions in his lifetime.

## ATTENTION Nursery Workers

### Georgia Training Union Aide Named

ATLANTA (BP) — Paul W. Peace, pastor of the Hampton Baptist Church here has been elected an associate secretary of the Training Union department of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Effective July 1, Peace will serve in a general capacity in promoting the work of Georgia Baptist Training, and will have special responsibilities in the organization of new Training Unions, and in youth work. Training Union in Baptist churches has the overall responsibility of all church training ministries.

### ST. GEMME

Mrs. Harold St. Gemme, Approved Nursery Worker, Mississippi Training Union Department, will be the leader for the conferences on Nursery work to be conducted during Training Union Week at Gulfshore this summer.

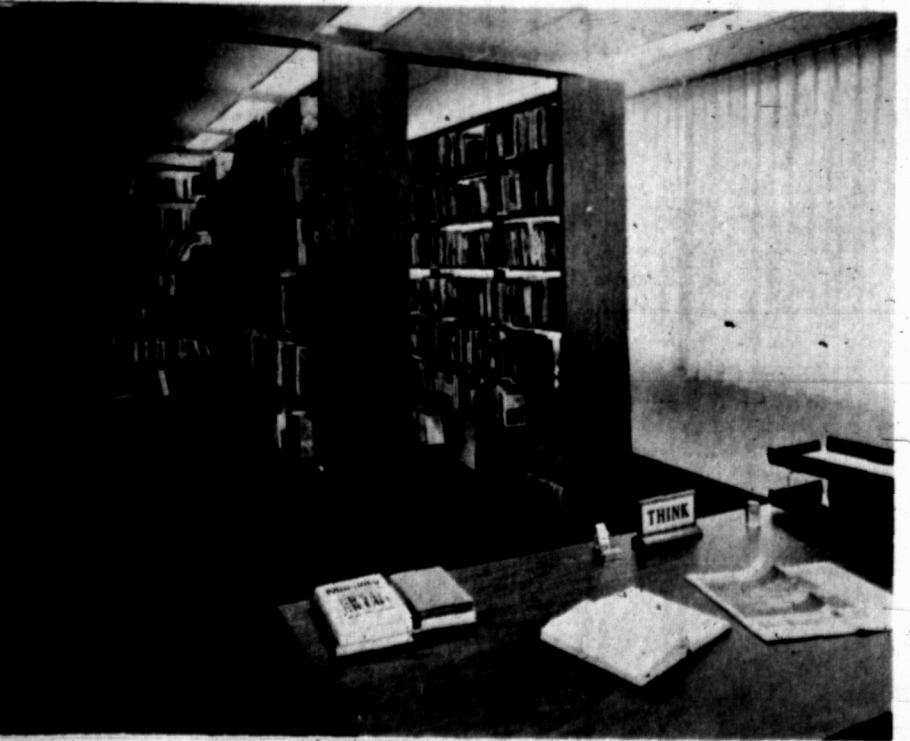
The dates are July 29 - August 2. For reservations write directly to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Mrs. St. Gemme until recently was Director of Children's Work, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

### Soviet Believers Teach Bible By Mail

MOSCOW (EP) — Courses in Bible and related fields are being taught by correspondence here for the first time since 1929 by Russian Baptists. However, reports indicate the believers still cannot have anything approximating Sunday schools or other training programs in the church.

The new teaching program was authorized by the minister of religious affairs in late 1967. The privilege is limited to a two-year course and to 100 persons.



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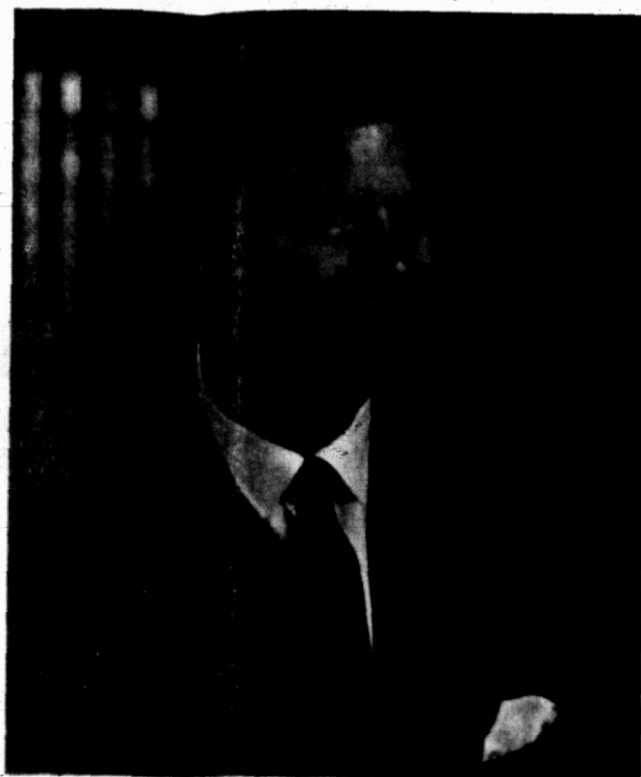
## GO ON RECORD FOR CHRIST

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

by Evangelist Dr. Paul M. Stevens.

Director of the Radio & TV Commission  
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## MISSISSIPPI COLISEUM

Starts: 3:00 PM on Sundays ... 7:30 PM Monday through Saturday.

Sunday, July 7 through Sunday July 14.

### Buckley Now On Concert Tour

Dr. Sidney L. Buckley is currently on a sacred solo concert tour which will take him to most of the southern states, including Mississippi. He will be singing in the following Mississippi churches: June 26, Highland Baptist Church, Laurel; June 27, First Baptist Church, Pasca-

goula; June 28, Handsboro Baptist Church, Handsboro; July 1, Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia; July 2, Goss Baptist Church, Columbia; July 3, Bunkerhill Baptist Church, Columbia; July 5, South Columbia Baptist Church; Sunday morning July 7, Cedar Grove Baptist

Church, Columbia; and Sunday night July 7, First Baptist Church of Columbia.

Buckley is on the music faculty at Furman University and is minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Easley, S. C.

Dr. Buckley is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

### Mrs. Kuykendall To Retire At Book Store

Mrs. Hattie Mae Kuykendall, who has worked at the Baptist Book Store in Jackson for fourteen years, will retire July 1.

She is salesclerk in charge of the general books section,

and missions books. A graduate of Woman's College, Hattiesburg, she taught school before going to work at the Book Store.

Mrs. Kuykendall is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson, where she sings in the choir. She hopes to enlarge her ministry through the Extension Department of the church, after retirement. Also she wants to work more with her flowers and to "get acquainted with neighbors."

She has one son, who lives in Houston, Texas.



Rev. J. L. Taylor

### 1st, McComb Calls Pastor

Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor has resigned at First Church, Canton, to accept the pastorate of First Church, McComb.

Under his leadership at First, Canton, since 1963, have increased from \$80,000 to \$116,050. The 1964 budget was around \$75,000 and the 1968 budget is just over \$102,000.

A second morning worship service has been added to the worship program at the Canton church. The staff has been enlarged to include a mission pastor, summer youth director, minister of youth-music, minister of education, music education secretary, and maid.

The kindergarten has been enlarged. New enrolment and attendance records have been set in Sunday school and Training Union, and a weekly radio broadcast, "The Crossroads," has been established. A building program has also been established, with election of a Building Committee and selection of an architectural firm.

Northside Mission of First, Canton, has been organized into Calvary Church, and a building for Calvary has been constructed.

Mr. Taylor was born at Crystal Springs, and ordained at First Church there. He graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. His former pastorates: Concord, Benton; South

### VAN WINKLE CHAPEL BREAKS GROUND

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new sanctuary and educational building at Van Winkle Chapel located on Burch Street, south of Highway 80 West, was held on Sunday, June 2.

Three lots were recently purchased for the new building site. Estimated cost of the new building, planned with the assistance of the Mississippi Baptist State Sunday School Department, is \$22,000. The actual construction of the building will be done by the members and interested friends.

Contributions toward the cost of the building and land have been made by First Church, Clinton, Morrison Heights Church, and Robinson Street Church. Van Winkle serves as the sponsoring church in this mission endeavor. On the day of the groundbreaking the individual members of Van Winkle pledged almost \$4,000 toward

### Georgia Choir To Tour State

The Youth Choir of Eastside Church, Marietta, Georgia will present a sacred concert at First Church, Quitman, Mississippi, Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton, pastor, on Sunday, July 7, at the evening worship hour. The choir is under the direction of Evio de Oliveira, a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary.

Before going to Georgia, de Oliveira was Minister of Music at Magnolia Street Church, Laurel.

Fork, Hodgenville, Ky.; and Drew.

He has been quite active in denominational work. Among his many places of service, he has been moderator of Sunflower Association, trustee of William Carey College, moderator of Madison Association, member of the Advisory Committee of the Baptist Record, and member of the Pioneer Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Mrs. Taylor is the former Dolores Slay of Crystal Springs. They have three children, Melanie, 9; Michael, 6; and Mark, 4.



PICTURED left to right: L. R. Fortenberry, deacon at Van Winkle, Rev. H. A. Milner, pastor of the sponsoring church, Johnnie Lee, deacon and Chapel representative, Elbert Allison, Sunday school superintendent for the chapel, J. E. Driver, member of the chapel, Rev. Francis Martin, pastor of the chapel.

the building program. A plan of letting interested individuals give \$1.00 per brick toward construction is being used.

The chapel ministers to a community approximately halfway between the Van Winkle community and Clinton. The chapel had its beginning in a small rented house trailer on Cahill Drive in November of 1964. Two deacons, Johnnie Lee and T. B. Walden, assisted by other members of Van Winkle Church initiated the work there. Rev. Frank Lawton, at

that time Minister of Music and Education at Van Winkle, served as pastor until Rev. Robert Baker was called in December of 1964. In January, 1965 the mission was moved to a more adequate building on Burch Street. In March of 1966 Rev. Francis Martin succeeded Rev. Baker as pastor.

Currently the mission has 130 members.

Rev. H. A. Milner is the pastor of the sponsoring church and has led in much of the planning and financing of the building.



Oak Grove's Oldest Is 98

Mrs. Sally Black, oldest member of Oak Grove Church, Winston County, just celebrated her 98th birthday. She is pictured above with her pastor, Rev. George Butler. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jackson, Mrs. Black was born in Kemper County. She has lived all her life near and in Oak Grove community, Winston County, and was a charter member of Oak Grove Church when it was organized in the 1800's. She now lives with her only child, a daughter, Mrs. Cordelia Tucker, Route 1, Noxapater.

### Revival Dates

Saltillo (Lee): June 9-14; youth revival; Rev. Billy W. Baker, junior at Blue Mountain College, interim pastor, evangelist; Danny Cook, Carey College sophomore, singer; Mary Sue Dunaway, pianist; Cheryl Atkins, organist, both of Saltillo; five professions of faith; five rededications.

Ludlow: July 7-12; services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Dr. John E. Barrow, evangelist; Rev. L. J. Fairchild, pastor.

Forest Church, Forest: June 24-30; Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, evangelist; Stalenecker-Tyson evangelistic music team will be in charge of the music. A sacred concert will be presented on June 29, 7:30 p. m.; services each day at 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Frank W. Gunn, pastor.

Cedar Grove, (Leake Assn.): June 30 - July 5; Rev. Emmett Dunnevant, evangelist; services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., except Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m.; James Young, pastor; the public is cordially invited.

### SPECIAL STUDY CONFERENCES JULY 1, 2

The Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Foy Rogers, director, is planning two one-day study conferences, the first at Bay Springs Church on July 1, and the other at Forest Church on July 2. There will be study of some rural church problems.

The conferences are an attempt to discover ways to reach a large segment of people in our state who are not being reached, according to Dr. Rogers.

Dr. R. R. Pearce, chairman, Division of Social Science, Mississippi College, and Dr. C. Wilson Brumley, secretary, Department of Rural Urban Missions, Home Mission Board, will be featured speakers.

The afternoon sessions will begin at 4, and the evening

### DEVOTIONAL

## The Power Of The Gospel

By John H. Traylor, Jr., Calvary Church, Tupelo  
Seventeen years ago on June 20, 1951, gambler Mickey Cohen was convicted in Los Angeles of evading \$156,123 in federal income taxes for 1946-48.



Most Christians cannot hear the name Mickey Cohen without being reminded of Jim Vaus. Vaus, you recall, was wire tapper for the notorious Cohen.

Jim Vaus was a preacher's son. However, he had strayed from the training of his childhood and had become involved in many shady ventures.

One night in 1949, Jim Vaus attended a Billy Graham crusade. Vaus began to think over his past life as he listened to Dr. Graham preach. He became ashamed of his life of rebellion against God.

In his heart, he began to pray: "Lord, I believe, this time from the bottom of my heart; I mean business with you but you've got to mean business with Jim Vaus, for the road ahead is a rough one. It's going to be almost impossible to straighten out this bewildered, tangled life of mine. But if you'll straighten it out, I'll turn it over to you—all of it."

That night Jim Vaus made a life-changing commitment of himself to Jesus Christ. His restitution cost him all he had—his car, his savings, his home—but he paid the price. Today, Jim Vaus is known as a "missionary to the asphalt jungle." He is an extremely effective minister of the gospel in Spanish Harlem, one of New York City's toughest districts.

Onesimus is another example of a man who became profitable through conversion. "Onesimus" means profitable. But it takes no stretch of the imagination to see that Onesimus was a worthless character, prior to his conversion. He was a runaway slave when Paul found him. Moreover, it seems that he had stolen from Philemon, his owner.

Paul makes no excuse for Onesimus. He readily admits that he was useless. However, Paul now claimed Onesimus to be profitable. In Philemon 11, Paul said of Onesimus: "Who in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me."

Christianity is the power to make a useless man into a profitable servant of Jesus Christ. Like Paul, I am proud of the gospel. "For it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16).

### GOLDEN WEDDING

#### July 10 Reception To Honor

#### Rev. And Mrs. Joe Canzoneri

On July 10, from 5 to 6:30 p. m., the children of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Canzoneri are giving a reception for them at First Church, Clinton, honoring them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Friends of the Canzoneris are invited. For any desiring their mailing address, it is 5939 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson 39209.

The Canzoneris, children are

Miss Antonina Canzoneri, foreign missionary nurse, now on furlough from Eku, Nigeria; Rev. Joe Canzoneri, Baptist preacher, and teacher of history at Terry High School, Terry; Dr. Robert Canzoneri, Professor of Creative Writing, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; and Rev. George Canzoneri, Director of Religion, Sunland Mentally Retarded Center, Miami, Fla., former missionary to Brazil.

### First, Grenada, To Celebrate 130th Anniversary June 30

First Church, Grenada will observe its 130th anniversary with a special service June 30 at the regular morning worship service. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at noon.

Colorful events from the early history of Mississippi, the "marriage" of the two towns that became Grenada and the organization of the church in 1838 by Rev. James Gatlin Hall will be woven into the four-part narration for the morning program.

Descendants of Mr. Hall and other original members of the church will be honored guests. Also invited to attend are former pastors and church members.

Members of the committee for the program are J. B. Perry, Jr., chairman, J. C. Hathorn, James Reeves, Mrs. John Keeton, Sr., Mrs. R. B. Thomason and Miss Fay Parker, along with the Rev. Bob Leavell, pastor. John Marshall, minister of education, and Vernon Polk, minister of music and youth.

The Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood of the church will be in charge of arrangements for the luncheon.

The first narrator on the program will be Mr. Hathorn, who will tell of the formation of the Mississippi Territory and later the state of Mississippi and of the early history of the town of Grenada and of the establishment of the Elliott Mission, first Christian effort in the area. He will also tell of the work of early Baptist missionaries in the area. A short biography of the Rev. James Gatlin Hall telling of his life until the time he came to Grenada will be given by Mr. Perry.

Jay Gore will take up the story and outline the organization of First Baptist Church, its place in the Yalobusha Association and its effect on the future of Baptist work in the area.

The final speaker, John T. Keeton, Jr., will tell of the

sessions at 7:15. The cost of the 6:30 supper will be \$1.

raising of funds for a church building and for the first salaried pastor.

"First Baptist Church in this past 130 years has survived tornadoes, a Civil War, a great Yellow Fever epidemic in which 20 per cent of its members died, a business depression, a great fire that destroyed the church building and a division over church doctrine," Mr. Perry said. "The continued growth and progress of our church is a tribute to all of the previous generations of members. Their lives and the Christian heritage they built for present members is what we will commemorate with our anniversary service. In this way we will honor them and rededicate ourselves to continue the work they began."

### Glorieta Meeting Set For Deaf Interpreters

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—For the first time on a convention-wide basis, a conference for interpreters for the deaf will be held at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here during Home Missions Week sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board ministry to the deaf.

In addition, there will be three other meetings pertaining to this particular language missions filed—the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf, a conference for missionaries to the deaf and a sign language class open to laymen.

Carter Bearden, field consultant for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will direct the interpreters conference.

Bearden (who is deaf) said, the conference will feature the interpreter's duties as teacher, counselor, song leader and his relationships to a church and community.

According to Irvin Dawson of the Home Mission Board's department of language missions, more than 300 Southern Baptist churches provide a ministry to the deaf.